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A Note from the EDITOR



Welcome to this week's Killarney Outlook, full of all the local news and photos.

A new piece of street art has appeared, honouring Killarney's global music star, Ruairí O'Flaherty, Cllr. Jackie Healy Rae reminisces on meeting the love of his life at the Rose of Tralee and Mick McCarthy was in town and met with volunteers from the Tidy Towns.

A stunning parade is set to take place in the town on Saturday night, Killarney Valley AC athletes continue to impress locally, nationally and internationally and cameras for an American reality show were rolling in Killarney this week.

Killarney Chamber took business to the park recently, permission has been granted for a large scale housing development in town and there is growing concern over the spread of the invasive fringed water lily on Lough Lein.

A great day was had in Muckross for the Vintage Rally, Killarney Ladybirds are preparing for a September return and with the Leaving Certificate results out today, Billy Ryle has all the information you need for your next step in your education journey.

In sport, Malachy Walsh has been remembered at his beloved Dr. Crokes, the Seamus Weldon Memorial U10 Blitz was a huge success and teams from across Killarney took part in the All Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Bantry.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie



The beauty of a Robin Redbreast captured by Lukasz Stanczy



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A new piece of street art has appeared in Killarney, adding another internationally acclaimed local name to the town's growing collection of murals celebrating people who have made their mark on the global stage.

The portrait of Ruairí O'Flaherty is just outside the Omniplex on Park Road.

The latest work, created by Kerry artist Paul Egan, celebrates Grammy-winning music producer and mastering engineer Ruairí O'Flaherty, whose remarkable career has taken him from Killarney to the heart of the international music industry.

Ruairí joins a growing list of celebrated Killarney names honoured through local street art and murals, including acclaimed actors Jessie Buckley and Michael Fassbender. All have strong connections to the town and have gone on to achieve international recognition in their respective fields.

Ruairí, who grew up in Coolgreane Park, Killarney, developed his passion for music locally. He worked at the Variety Sounds music shop and played guitar with the local folk band Gliondar before eventually moving to Los Angeles at the age of 35 to pursue

a career in studio engineering.

Today, he is a Senior Mastering Engineer with the prestigious Sterling Sound and also runs his own studio, Nomograph Mastering.

His work has placed him behind some of the biggest names and releases in contemporary music, with credits spanning pop, hip-hop and other genres.

Among the artists whose work he has engineered or mastered are Kendrick Lamar, SZA, Sabrina Carpenter, Taylor Swift, Billie Eilish, Lana Del Rey and St. Vincent.

His achievements have also earned him multiple Grammy nominations, with his work on Kendrick Lamar and SZA's hit song 'Luther' earning him a Grammy Award.

The new mural is a fitting tribute to an extraordinary Killarney success story, celebrating a local man who has gone from playing music in his hometown to helping shape the final sound of some of the world's biggest musical releases.

It is another reminder of the remarkable talent that has emerged from Killarney and the many local people who have gone on to make an impact far beyond the town's borders.

New Street Art celebrates Killarney's Global Music Star RUAIRÍ O'FLAHERTY



A Rose of Tralee Romance for Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae



Jackie and Maria in 2017 and at this year's Rose Festival

The Rose of Tralee Festival holds a special place in the heart of Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae, who took to social media during this year's festival to reminisce about a life-changing meeting nine years ago.

Back in 2017, Jackie managed to secure a place as a Rose Escort, a decision he now describes as one of the best he ever made.

It was during that year's festival that he met Maria Murnaghan, who was representing Monaghan as the Monaghan Rose. Neither of them could have known at the time just how significant that meeting would prove to be.

Nine years later, Maria is still by his side, supporting him in everything he does, and has now agreed to become his wife.

Reflecting on the memories, Jackie said the Rose of Tralee had given him brilliant memories and lifelong friends, and, perhaps most importantly, a future wife.

He joked that, on that basis, he certainly got "good value" from his time as a Rose Escort.

For Cllr Healy-Rae, the Rose of Tralee was more than just a festival experience. It was where a chance meeting blossomed into a lasting relationship, and he remains very grateful for where it all began.



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Captain Fantastic

Joins Killarney Tidy Towns Volunteers

Former Republic of Ireland captain and manager Mick McCarthy was in Killarney recently, where he took time to meet members of the Killarney Tidy Towns volunteers as they carried out their work on High Street.

Affectionately known as "Captain Fantastic" during his distinguished football career, McCarthy was pictured alongside the dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the town.

The Killarney Tidy Towns volunteers play an important role in supporting the Killarney Municipal District, helping to keep the town clean, attractive and welcoming for both locals and visitors.

Their regular work includes planting, maintaining public areas and carrying out a wide range of tasks that contribute to Killarney's appearance.

Mick McCarthy earned his "Captain Fantastic" nickname during his playing days, when he captained the Republic of Ireland. He was also affectionately known as "Big Mick", a reference to his imposing stature as a central defender.

His visit provided a welcome boost to the volunteers, who were delighted to meet one of Irish football's best-known figures while carrying out their work to keep Killarney looking its best.



MOTHÚ

Returns to Killarney for Summer's-End Street Spectacle



Killarney is set for an evening of music, magic and larger-than-life performance when MOTHÚ Street Spectacle Performers return to the town on Saturday, August 22.

The West Kerry-based group will present *The Seeker – An Cuardaitheoir*, a spectacular outdoor performance inspired by the work of renowned Irish-language poet and writer Seán Ó Ríordáin.

The spectacle, which begins at Market Cross at 8.45pm, will feature giant puppets, fire dancers, music and lanterns, bringing themes from Ó Ríordáin's poetry to life through a powerful combination of creative arts and performance.

Ó Ríordáin, sometimes known as an Ríordánach, is widely regarded as one of the leading Irish-language poets of the 20th century. His work introduced contemporary themes to Irish poetry and helped breathe new life into the language.

MOTHÚ will lead audiences on a colourful and theatrical journey through the streets of Killarney, with *The Seeker – An Cuardaitheoir* travelling from Market Cross along Main Street before concluding at

College Square.

The group has previously delighted Killarney audiences with performances including *Peig Mór* and *Aisling Ghobnait* (Gobnait's Dream), both of which attracted large crowds and widespread acclaim.

The latest production promises another memorable evening, combining music, fire, puppetry and spectacle in a celebration of Irish creativity and culture.

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Local athletes David Kenny and Sarah Leahy have enjoyed outstanding success at the European Athletics Championships in Birmingham, making a significant contribution to what has been described as the most successful European Championships in the history of Irish athletics.

Farranfore Maine Valley AC athlete David Kenny produced a superb performance in the men's half marathon race walk, finishing sixth in a new personal best of 1:24:49.

David remained firmly in contention throughout the race and crossed the line just over a minute outside the medal positions in a highly competitive field. His sixth-place finish represents an excellent achievement at European level and reflects the countless hours of dedicated training behind his performance. Farranfore Maine Valley AC paid tribute to David's determination, discipline and commitment, congratulating him on a fantastic

display on the European stage and saying the club was incredibly proud of the way he continues to represent both Farranfore Maine Valley AC and Irish athletics.

There was further local success as Killarney Valley AC sprint star Sarah Leahy helped the Irish women's 4x100m relay team make history by reaching the final of a major championship for the first time.

Running in the order of Lucy May Sleeman, Ciara Neville, Sarah Leahy and Lauren Roy, the Irish quartet set a new national record of 43.13 in the semi-final to qualify for the final. They went on to finish seventh in the final in a time of 44.18.

Sarah's latest achievement adds to an impressive international career. She has now competed at three major championships, having previously represented Ireland at the World Championships in Eugene, Oregon, and the World Relays in Botswana. She has also raced on the Diamond League circuit and has been part of national-record-breaking relay teams on four occasions.

A former double national indoor 60m champion, Sarah also holds the national indoor 50m and 100m records and was part of the Irish relay team that initially broke the national record in London last year.

The Birmingham championships provided a



memorable week for Irish athletics, with record crowds travelling from Ireland adding to the atmosphere at the Alexandra Stadium.

For Sarah, attention will now turn towards the national indoor championships and the pursuit of a European qualifying time for the 60m, while she will also be hoping to help Team Ireland secure qualification for the 2027 World Outdoor Championships.

With the European Championships returning in 2028 ahead of the Los Angeles Olympic Games, Leahy will have her sights firmly set on continuing her impressive international journey.

Together, the performances of David and Sarah provided a fantastic showcase for local athletics, highlighting the quality of talent emerging from clubs across the Killarney and Kerry area.

David is the son of Noel and Mary Kenny from Ballyhar and Sarah is the daughter of Mike and Marie Leahy from Killarney.

Killarney Valley AC Athletes Continue to Impress

Killarney Valley AC enjoyed another excellent weekend of athletics, with Brendan Joy and David Watson both making headlines with outstanding performances and achievements.

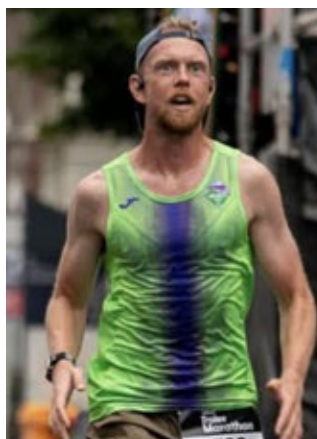
Brendan Joy stormed to victory in the Rose of Tralee 5K last Sunday, producing a superb performance to take the title in style. He came agonisingly close to breaking the magical 15-minute barrier, underlining his excellent form and continuing his impressive progress on the road.

Meanwhile, rising Killarney Valley AC star David Watson has been selected to represent Ireland at an international event in Aberdeen, Scotland, at the end of August.

The talented young athlete is regarded as a top-class prospect in the high jump and currently has a personal best of 1.90 metres. He has been going from strength to strength and is showing considerable potential in the discipline.

David is coached at Killarney Valley AC by Alan Delaney and Tim Horgan, who have been helping to guide his development. With his continued progress, there is a strong belief that he can clear the two-metre mark over the coming year or so. His selection to represent Ireland is a tremendous recognition of his ability, hard work and dedication to athletics.

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Michelin Bib Gourmand tapas and cocktails collide in Killarney

Two Co. Kerry masters of flavour and mixology Solas Dingle and Killarney's Pig's Lane are treating flavour-seekers to an exclusive collaboration on Friday 11th September, promising an immersive evening where bold tapas and world-class cocktails take centre stage.

For one night only, Killarney's multi-award-winning subterranean bar will open its doors for guests to experience a specially curated selection of Solas' Michelin Bib Gourmand-awarded dishes, each paired with a precision-crafted, bespoke-serve cocktail from the Pig's Lane mixology team.

The dynamic menu will deliver a bold progression of flavours inspired by the Spanish small-plate tradition built around exceptional Irish ingredients. Much of this is sourced directly by the Solas team, including ingredients from their own organic vegetable patch, organic hen's eggs, and honey harvested from their six wild bee hives.

Think 'Snacks' of Devilled hen's egg with smoked trout caviar, and "Pan puri" shrimp cocktail. Pinchos including: Queen scallop ceviche with apple, ginger, and yuzu; Chorizo & Manchego croquettes; and Dingle Goats Cheese baked Alaska with wild Madagascar pepper. Annascaul Belly of Pork with carrot ketchup, peanut & sesame as the main event, and an indulgent dessert of White Chocolate, Cardamom, Dingle sea salt & hazelnut paired



Nicky and Ann Foley of Solas Dingle

with Pig's Lane's famous cold-brew-based Black Shtuff to finish.

Led by husband-and-wife duo Nicky and Ann Foley, Solas has become a foodie destination in Dingle for its deep commitment to sourcing locally and seasonally, and playful yet technically refined dishes that showcase the best of land and sea. Its bold approach and consistently high quality have earned the restaurant Michelin Bib Gourmand recognition. Hosting the event, Pig's Lane is a trailblazer in Ireland's cocktail scene and one of the first bars

in the country to be awarded a coveted '1 PIN' by The Pinnacle Guide, often described as the Michelin Guide for bars. Since opening in 2023, the subterranean venue has quickly gained a reputation for its inventive, detail-driven cocktails, immersive atmosphere and standout design, alongside accolades including Best Designed Bar of the Year and Innovative Bar of the Year. Under the direction of founder Gemma Ring, Pig's Lane continues to push the boundaries of Ireland's drinks culture.

Nicky Foley of Solas said: "We've always believed in creating food that's full of flavour, energy and a real sense of place, so to bring Solas to Pig's Lane for a night like this is incredibly exciting. There's a natural synergy between what we do in the kitchen and what the Pig's Lane team are doing. It's all about balance, creativity, and giving people an experience they won't forget." Gemma Ring, Pig's Lane Founder added:

"We've admired what Nicky and Ann have built at Solas for a long time. Their commitment to exceptional Irish produce and fearless approach to flavour mirrors everything we strive for behind the bar. For this collaboration, we've approached each course as a conversation between the kitchen and the cocktail, creating pairings that surprise, complement and amplify one another. We want guests to leave having experienced something they simply couldn't get anywhere else."

90 Day Fiancé Cameras Roll in Killarney

Killarney is currently providing the backdrop for filming of one of America's most popular reality television franchises, with the hit series 90 Day Fiancé bringing its cameras and production crew to the town.

The hugely successful American reality series, which airs on TLC, follows international couples as they navigate relationships and the K-1 visa process. Under the visa arrangement, foreign partners have 90 days to marry their US citizen sponsors or leave the country.

Since premiering in 2014, 90 Day Fiancé has become a major television franchise, spawning numerous spin-off series and attracting a large international following.

The current production in Killarney centres on a couple, with the man from Dublin and his partner from Texas. Filming is taking place in and around Killarney, with the couple staying at the Muckross Park Hotel while members of the production crew are based at The Brehon.

The production had previously filmed in Dublin and has now moved to Killarney, where the town and surrounding attractions will feature in the upcoming series.

The Killarney footage is expected to form part of next year's season, potentially giving the town significant exposure to the show's huge audience in the United States and internationally.



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Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
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Tourist Times

It's nice to catch up with tourists in Killarney. I sometimes feel we are not curious enough about our visitors. We don't ask them enough about themselves. I was sitting having a coffee in Rí-Rá Market Cross last week, a great vantage point and good coffee, and I spotted people in long dresses and bonnets.

It turned out these were Regency costumes from the era of Jane Austen. An American party from Minnesota have been touring Munster in various costumes. On Monday they appeared at the Cliffs of Moher dressed as Hobbits. On Sunday they went around in Victorian costumes and they went as Outlanders the previous day. I caught up with Jean and Paul. They told me they were staying in a party of seven at Springfield Castle in Dromcollogher, Co Limerick and the costumes were all Jean's doing. She designed and made them.

Why Regency for Killarney, I asked Jean.

"Jane Austen. Because of the ruins, Muckross Abbey and the House," is what she said. And of course ! It is a perfect choice. I can rarely distinguish one self-absorbed Jane Austen

novel from another, and I once had to read all of them . But Northanger Abbey came immediately to mind. Ruins as well as grand houses, that's her! I wish I had met the costume maker from Minnesota in the 1980s and I would have been more on the button with Austen. Then there are the many French. I have never come across so many French people in Killarney.

Perhaps it's the terrible heat in beautiful France. They love the freshness of and they cannot get over the lovely weather we have. I told them this weather is not normal for us either. Some of us are even yearning for rain to bring us back to earth. Still they would like "Irish weather," a couple from Lille told me on the one rainy morning we had all summer.

I have spotted numerous German people too with D on the car. Swedes and other Nordics have been around and a Swedish tv crew interviewed Killorglin's Declan Falvey during Puck Fair.

I spotted Japanese tours walking out the Muckcross Road.

But few people will have spotted the otter. The otter visited Sheahan's Centra in New Street on the Sunday before Puck. He was on his way to

the Deenagh or maybe the Laune to head for Killorglin and had gone a bit astray. He had been seen in the Park Road the previous day, probably straying from the Flesk.

Gardai were called and the vet too and after some hours, the otter was released into the Deenagh. He's probably hiding under the fringed-water lily on Lough Leane!



Jean and Paul
from Minnesota

Fringed water-lily and the quality of water in Lough Leane

Giant Rhubarb is taking over roads in south Kerry. Here the waters of Lough Leane are under serious threat by the fringed water-lily. The spectacular yellow pond plant is coming into its own around now. Killarney has recorded the densest invasion in the Republic according to the National Biodiversity Data Centre. It has already taken over the Bog Bay.

I got wind recently that the NPWS are getting serious about his fellow. Because like the Rhododendron ponticum on land, this water lily is aggressive. Where it goes, nothing else follows. The ornamental plant forms a dense mat blocking out the light so fish and everything else are killed off underneath.

And guess what? It thrives in "nutrient rich waters". So, no accident it is rampant in Ross bay where our old friend the Folly stream is running into the lake from the Killarney Waste Water and Sewage Treatment Plant.

Minister for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity, Christopher O'Sullivan confirmed to me a project is getting under way to monitor and stop the invasive lily.

The fear now is that the choking lily will spread to other lakes. Meanwhile the minister was shown some of the great work by the Meitheal volunteers and rangers in clearing the Abbey wood of rhodo. O'Sullivan also said he is taking "seriously" the threat to water quality in Lough Leane but stops short of pointing the finger totally at the WWT Plant in the Demesne.

Other factors - the rivers feeding into the lake, farming, forestry and septic tanks are also at play, the minister says.

This is true. But we can't take our eyes off the sewage plant on Ross Road. Its status is a serious threat to much-needed new housing. It has been clearly established the plant is responsible for the pollution of the lake and the Laune. It will take one conservation body, or one angling body to put in a serious objection and development will come to a complete halt.

Serious effort is needed now by our politicians and our officials to sort the storm water issue in Killarney and get the plant upgraded.

New national park legislation could see stricter controls in Killarney

Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity, Christopher O'Sullivan TD, has announced his intention to develop a National Parks Bill. Conservation will now be the primary management purpose of the parks. In Kerry he spoke about the powers the new legislation will give rangers to fine people for dogs and barbecues. Tellingly, in the context of Killarney, he also said he wanted people to "enjoy" the national parks.

In Killarney, there is already legislation governing the original core area of the park. This is the 1932 Bourne Vincent Memorial Act. Authorities are to "maintain and manage the Park as a National Park for the general purpose of the recreation and enjoyment of the public."

Where the new legislation will get interesting for Killarney will be in how the conservation first purpose marries with the 1930s outlook. It is a word that doesn't feature at all in the 1932 Act.

The primary purpose of maintaining the park under the Bourne legislation is "enjoyment and recreation". How the new priority will fit with commercial operations, with the creation of

more car parks or football pitches, with traffic, even with tourist numbers will be interesting.

Some years ago the University of Delft was commissioned to do research on sustainable tourism. We don't know what they came up with. The study was to touch on the numbers of walkers on some of the hills, and paths. Will there be controls on the number of visitors is one question for the new framework?

It remains to be seen if conservation is the priority this means it will supersede all other aspects.

Since January, Killarney Water Search and Rescue have to do their training on Caragh Lake. Apparently they can't use the Killarney lakes unless they have the proper environmental impact studies, presumably to do with noise, speed and such.

Killarney's National Park is indeed biodiverse rich. But it is also the foundation of much local enjoyment, use, transport, and of our tourist industry. Can a way be found to accommodate all aspects under the new legislation, that is the question.



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MALACHY REMEMBERED AT DR. CROKES GOLF SOCIETY OUTING

Warm tributes were paid to the late Malachy Walsh at the presentation of the Dr Crokes GAA Club Golf Society President's Prize in Scotts Hotel following the outing at Kenmare Golf Club on Saturday. A lifelong Dr Crokes stalwart, Malachy died suddenly on 12th August, 2023 while playing at a club golf outing in Kenmare. Society President Matt O'Neill's Prize was once again dedicated in memory of Malachy and the event was won by John Hurley, who was presented with the prize by Malachy's daughter, Stephanie Quirke, and his sister Sheila Galvin along with Maurice O'Donoghue (Scotts Hotel, sponsor) and Society President Matt O'Neill.

During the course of the speeches Malachy Walsh was remembered as the quintessential Dr Crokes member, as a player, officer, lotto organiser and a volunteer. He had undertaken innumerable tasks that were so demanding in such a big club and when his own playing days ended,

Malachy served in a number of positions, including being part of the senior management team and, later, as treasurer and the driving force behind the weekly fundraising lotto. Golf Society President Matt O'Neill recalled Malachy's remarkable lifelong commitment to the black and amber and being an integral part of the Dr Crokes community. Malachy's daughter Stephanie Quirke also spoke warmly about her late father and how much the Crokes meant to him.

The results of the President's Prize were as follows.

John Hurley (overall winner), Vincent Casey (second), Thomas Bracker O'Regan (third), Eamonn Fitzgerald (fourth)

And Brendan Keogh (fifth). Category prizes were won by Liam Hartnett, Ross Brosnan and Matt O'Neill.

Front nine went to Joey Sheehan and the back nine was won by David Byrne.



The Dr Crokes GAA Club Golf Society President's Prize outing at Kenmare Golf Club on Saturday was in memory of former player and officer Malachy Walsh. Pictured at the prizegiving in Scotts Hotel were seated from left, Vincent Casey (second), Matt O'Neill (President), Maurice O'Donoghue (Scotts Hotel, sponsor), John Hurley (overall winner), Stephanie Quirke, Sheila Galvin and Eamonn Fitzgerald. Standing from left are Brendan Keogh, Martin Byrnes, John O'Leary, Joey Sheehan, Liam Hartnett, Denis Coleman, David Byrne, Melanie Colorusso, Thomas Bracker O'Regan (third), Dorina Dennehy, Johnny Courtney, Maura Fitzgerald, Mike Quirke, Elaine O'Donoghue and Grace Dennehy. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



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Spraoi Chiarraí brings it's season to a close

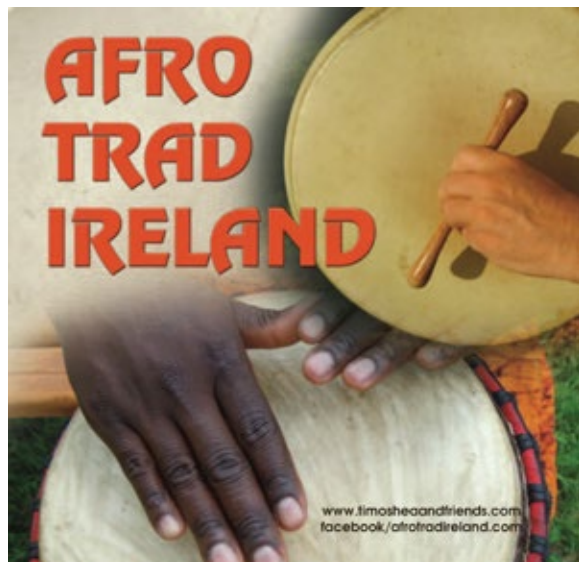
Spraoi Chiarraí will bring its 21st season of free live concerts to a close this Saturday, August 22, with a special evening of Irish folk and traditional music at St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Killarney, at 8pm.

The Kerry-based youth music mentorship and performance collective showcases some of the county's finest young talent, providing performers with valuable experience in two of Kerry's most historic and high-profile concert settings.

The final concert will feature Samuel Kiwanuka of Uganda and Tralee on vocals and percussion, alongside Beaufort singer-songwriter Fiona Doyle on vocals and guitar. They will be joined by renowned folk musician Tim O'Shea, Director and Producer, in a performance under the banner of Afro Trad Ireland.

The concert is open to all and promises an entertaining evening featuring a range of traditional instruments, including fiddle, Irish harp, accordion, flute, whistle, uilleann pipes, guitar, harmonica and bodhrán, along with vocals.

Spraoi Chiarraí has enjoyed great success over more than two decades, with the free concert series made possible through the continued support of its sponsors, including Kerry County Council Arts Office, Killarney Chamber of Commerce and Kerry Gems Publishing.





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KILLARNEY COULD SEE RYDER CUP TOURISM BOOST

as visitors plan wider Irish stays

The 2027 Ryder Cup will take place at Adare Manor in County Limerick next September, and while the golf itself will take place across the county bounds, Killarney could be well positioned to share in the benefits.

The Ryder Cup is one of the biggest events in world sport, and it is expected to draw significant numbers of international visitors to Ireland, many of them travelling from the United States.

For a good share of those visitors, the trip is unlikely to begin and end at the course. Golf travellers in particular tend to build a longer holiday around a major event, taking in other courses and other parts of the country while they are here.

That is where Killarney comes in. The town is around an hour and 15 minutes from Adare by road, and few places in Ireland are better set up to receive overseas visitors. Its hotels, guesthouses, restaurants and pubs have catered to international tourism for generations, and it has the rail and road connections to match.

There is also the golf itself. Killarney Golf and Fishing Club's lakeside courses have hosted the Irish Open, and the town sits within comfortable reach of some of the best known links courses in the country. Visitors who come to watch the Ryder Cup may well stay on to play.

Add Killarney National Park, Muckross House and the Ring of Kerry, and the case for spending a few extra days in the town largely makes itself. Where those visitors stay is the open question. Demand for accommodation close to Adare is expected to be strong during tournament week, and some travellers may prefer to base themselves somewhere with more to see and do around the golf. Hotels will take a share of that trade, but private homes could also play a part.

Golf Event Stays, an accommodation platform focused on major international golf events, is currently building a supply of private homes for the Ryder Cup and is seeking suitable properties in Killarney and across wider Kerry. Homeowners with a suitable house can list it through the platform for visitors travelling to the event.

"Most people who travel to a Ryder Cup don't just watch the matches and fly home," said John Murphy of Golf Event Stays. "They make a trip of it. They play a few rounds and they want to see the country. Killarney is exactly the kind of place that could appeal to those visitors, and it is within reasonable reach of Adare."

There would be knock on effects beyond accommodation if that pattern holds. Restaurants, pubs, taxi and coach operators, boat trips on the lakes and the town's tour



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providers could all potentially benefit from visitors who choose to make Kerry part of their Ryder Cup journey.

None of it is guaranteed, and the scale of any benefit will depend on how many visitors choose to travel beyond the venue itself. But for a town that has built its economy on welcoming people from abroad, September 2027 offers an opportunity worth preparing for well in advance.

Homeowners interested in making a suitable property available for Ryder Cup 2027 visitors can find further information at golfeventstays.com.

600 Kerry first-time buyers supported through Help to Buy

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry Michael Cahill has welcomed the latest figures showing that 606 Help to Buy claims have been approved in Kerry, supporting 1,094 applicants to purchase or build a new home.

Nationally, 48,878 claims have now been approved, supporting first-time buyers in every county.

Deputy Cahill said the figures demonstrate the important role the scheme is playing in helping people overcome the deposit barrier and take their first step onto the property ladder.

"Home ownership remains a major ambition for individuals and families across Kerry, and these figures show that Help to Buy is making a real and practical difference," Deputy Cahill said.

"In Kerry, 606 claims have been approved, supporting 1,094 applicants. Of these, 143 relate to the purchase of newly built homes,



while 463 relate to self-build projects.

"The significant number of self-build claims reflects the particular circumstances in rural

Ireland, where building a home remains an important route to home ownership.

"Behind every one of these figures is a person, couple or family who has been able to take a step closer to having a home of their own.

"Help to Buy can provide eligible first-time buyers with up to €30,000 towards their deposit, subject to the relevant limits. For many people, this support can make a real difference in getting the keys to their own home.

"While there is still much more to do to increase housing supply and improve affordability, I welcome the continued support being provided to first-time buyers.

"We need to keep building more homes while ensuring practical measures such as Help to Buy remain available to help people in Kerry and across the country achieve the goal of home ownership."

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Planning Permission Granted for 259 Homes on Countess Road

Planning permission has been granted for a major residential development on Countess Road in Dromhale, Killarney, which will see the construction of 259 new homes along with a creche and extensive associated infrastructure. The development will involve the demolition of two existing two-storey semi-detached houses and a ruinous structure on the site.

The plans provide for 103 two-storey three-bedroom houses, comprising 27 terraced homes, 62 end-of-terrace units and 14 side-entry houses.

A further 82 courtyard apartments will be provided across two storeys, consisting of 42 one-bedroom and 40 two-bedroom units. The development will also include 74 apartments in two blocks ranging from three to four storeys, comprising 34 one-bedroom and 40 two-bedroom units.

A single-storey creche is also included in the plans, together with landscaping, car parking, bicycle parking, bin storage and two ESB substations.

Vehicular access will be provided through a single entrance from Countess Road, with improvement works to the public road including a raised pedestrian crossing. Pedestrian and cycling infrastructure will connect the development with Countess Road



The proposed entrance to the new housing development on Countess Road.

and adjoining areas.

The works will also include water services and drainage infrastructure, including foul and stormwater network upgrades in Countess Grove.

Existing boundary walls along Countess Road will be demolished as part of the development,

while extensive landscaping and other site development works are also planned.

The application was accompanied by a Natura Impact Statement examining the potential impact of the development on protected habitats and species.

Killarney Chamber Takes Business Outdoors



Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce members took business outdoors on Wednesday last, with an informal networking walk through Killarney National Park offering a unique opportunity to connect while exploring some of the area's rich history and

heritage.

Coffee cups in hand - reusable ones, naturally - Chamber members and guests gathered for a walking tour with a difference, guided by local historian Jerry O'Grady. His deep knowledge of Killarney's historic homes and

estates turned a stroll through the Park into a journey back through time.

From grand estate houses to the stories of the families who shaped them, Jerry's insight gave members a fresh appreciation of the landscape many pass through every day. The morning stayed dry, allowing everyone to enjoy the walk, with conversations on business and local issues continuing along the way.

The Chamber was also delighted to welcome a very special guest to Killarney for the occasion: Kara Newport, President and Chief Executive Officer of Fioli, the historic estate and botanical garden in California. Newport's visit forms part of ongoing research into the fascinating connections between Muckross Estate and Filoli - two properties separated by an ocean, yet linked by shared stories of stewardship, heritage and landscape. Her presence added a truly international dimension to the morning.

Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce continues to bring members together in new and engaging ways throughout the year, combining business networking with opportunities to experience and celebrate the very best of what Killarney has to offer - this month, quite literally, on its own doorstep.

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Growing Concern Over Spread of Invasive Fringed Water Lily on Lough Leane

Growing carpets of vivid yellow flowers along the shoreline of Lough Leane are raising fresh concerns about the deteriorating condition of Killarney's largest lake.

Visitors to Ross Castle and the Ross Bay area in recent weeks will have noticed dense mats of Fringed Water Lily (*Nymphoides peltata*) spreading across several areas of the shoreline. The invasive aquatic plant is one of 35 invasive plant species listed under the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations.

Fringed Water Lily is a perennial floating plant which thrives in slow-moving, nutrient-rich waters. Its five-petalled yellow flowers are distinctive, while its roots grow along the lakebed and its long, branched stems extend beneath the surface.

The plant can spread rapidly, with seeds released from its fruits forming long floating chains which can be dispersed to other parts of the lake. Boat users can inadvertently contribute to the spread, and the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has advised operators of watercraft on the Killarney lakes to avoid driving through dense mats of the plant.

The NPWS operates a permit system for watercraft on the lakes and advises users to Check, Clean and Dry all boats and equipment before moving between waterways.

The expanding mats are already causing difficulties for local boatmen, with the vegetation becoming caught in boat engines. Despite efforts to avoid the affected areas, the Fringed Water Lily is now spreading



across significant sections of the Ross Bay shoreline and around Bog Island.

There are concerns that the invasive species could ultimately disrupt the natural ecosystem and food web of the lakes, adding to wider concerns about the ecological health of Lough Leane and its feeder rivers. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has previously indicated that Lough Leane is not meeting the objectives set under the Water Framework Directive, with excess nutrients from the Killarney wastewater treatment plant identified as a contributing factor.

The wastewater treatment plant has been placed on the EPA's Priority Areas List.

However, concerns have been raised over the timeframe for an upgrade, with a recent response to a parliamentary question from Kerry TD Michael Cahill indicating that an upgrade may not take place before 2030 at the earliest.

With invasive species continuing to spread and growing concerns over water quality, there are increasing calls for action to protect Lough Leane before its ecological condition deteriorates further.

For those who live, work and enjoy the Killarney lakes, the message is increasingly clear: Lough Leane simply cannot wait.

Reader Praises OPW Heritage Week Events at Ross Castle

A reader of the Killarney Outlook has been in touch to congratulate the Office of Public Works (OPW) on two fantastic events held at Ross Castle as part of Heritage Week.

John Fitzgerald attended both events at Ross Castle over the weekend of August 15 and 16 and said they were both highly informative and enjoyable.

Saturday's event featured an informative guided walk led by Conal Guilfoyle, who shared his extensive knowledge of Ross Island and its historic Copper Mines.

On Sunday, Noreen Brosnan led an engaging talk on the life and history of Ross Castle, covering a wide range of topics before bringing the group to

the ruins of Ross Cottage, where she outlined the history of the cottage and its origins.

Both events were well attended, with participants leaving having gained a greater appreciation of the history and heritage of the area.

John had initially planned to attend only the Saturday event but found it so interesting that he made arrangements to return on Sunday.

He praised the OPW for making its knowledgeable guides available and for providing the public with the opportunity to learn more about Killarney's rich heritage.

All events are taking place again this weekend as part of Heritage Week.



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Prizegiving Time

at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club

There was plenty of reason to celebrate at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club as prizegiving took place for a number of recent competitions.

The winners of the Hayes Cup, MacBees Scotch Foursomes, Maureen O'Shea Memorial Cup, Trustee Muckcross House competition and Play in Pink were recognised for their excellent performances.

The prizegiving provided an opportunity for members to come together, celebrate the achievements of the winners and acknowledge the continued support and participation that make competitions at the club such a success.



Catheriner Hayes Coffey presenting the Hayes Cup in memory of her late Mother Louie to winner Kathleen Wall with (left) Tim O'Brian of O'Brien Coffey MacSweeney sponsors, Captain Annette McNeice (back from left) prizewinners Nicola O'Mahony, Mary O'Neill and Mai Bergin at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Captain Annette McNeice presenting first prize in the MacBees Scotch Foursomes to winner Edel Randles with (back from left) Kate and Lorna O'Leary 3rd and Josephine O'Sullivan 4th at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Captain Annette McNeice presenting first prize in the Play in Pink sponsored by Flesk Restaurant to winner Annette Sheehan with (left) prizewinners Ann Stuart, Anne Moynihan, (back from left) Mary Tobin, Breda Sheerin and Angela Kelliher at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Bernard Collins Trustee Muckcross House (fourth from left) presenting first prize in The Trustees of Muckcross House Champagne Scramble to winner Mary Geaney and Sheila Crowley with (left) Captain Annette McNeice (back from left) Michael Quirke, Darragh McLoughlin and Laurence Byrne 2nd and Captain Tomas Kelliher at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



John O'Shea presenting the Maureen O'Shea Memorial Cup to winner Marie Dennehy with (left) Ann Moynihan best gross, Geraldine Tarrant 2nd, Captain Annette McNeice (second row) Linda O'Shea Doherty, Fidelma O'Connor 3rd, Breda Neeson 4th, Bernie Galvin 1st 13 hole competition (back row) Deirdre, Lily and Belle O'Shea Fogarty, Ciara O'Shea O'Sullivan, Dan O'Sullivan and Bernard O'Shea at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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We will also have a Guest Speaker from the **Alzheimer's Society of Ireland** who will talk about the early signs of Alzheimer's, what to look out for, and cognitive well-being.

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A Great Day in Muckcross for the Vintage Rally



Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club together with Muckcross Traditional Farms had a great day last Sunday for the Vintage Rally.

The weather was on our side and the crowds turned out in big numbers again. There was a display of Vintage cars and tractors on display but that was only the start of it.

Traditional trashing in the farm yard, hay making in the fields, dancing at the crossroads and in the school house along with blacksmiths in the forge and more.

It's great to be able to preserve our history and better again to be able to show it to those who wouldn't have remembered that way of life.

New addition this year was a sports day for the children which turned out to be

a huge attraction and lots of fun for all.

Kerry Mental Health are the chosen charity this year so thank you for all the donations on the day.

As always we couldn't have put this day together without the help of our hard working members. These events don't just happen without lots of planning.

Keep an eye on our social media for pictures and details on upcoming events.





Seamus Weldon Memorial U10 Blitz a Huge Success

Fossa GAA hosted a hugely successful first Seamus Weldon Memorial U10 Blitz, with hundreds of young players travelling to the club for a fantastic day of football, fun and sporting spirit.

The club thanked its dedicated volunteers, sponsors and local businesses for their incredible support, as well as all the clubs, coaches, parents and supporters who travelled to Fossa.

Special thanks were extended to David and Paudie Clifford for giving their time to the event. The young players were praised for their excellent football and sportsmanship throughout the day.

It was a tremendous team effort and a fitting tribute to Seamus Weldon, who would undoubtedly have been proud of such a wonderful celebration of football and community.



Fossa Gaa were delighted to welcome the Weldon family to present the Seamus Weldon Memorial U10 Blitz Cup 2026 to winners Ardferf GAA on Saturday 15th August. Huge thanks to James, Padraig, Kathleen and Mike for their continued support of Fossa. To Seamus's sister, Rita, whose home club Blackhall Gaels GAA Club, Co Meath participated in the blitz. This special event is held in memory of Seamus, whose dedication, commitment and lifelong service to Fossa Gaa left an incredible legacy! Roll on 2027



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Memorable weekend for Flesk Valley at the 2026 All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships

Flesk Valley Rowing Club had a memorable weekend at the 2026 All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships held in Bantry, Co. Cork on August 14-16. The club had nearly 100 members in action over the three days of the weekend, from U12 beginners to Masters, with many new members donning the Valley colours at the All-Irelands for the very first time. The Valley came home with a fantastic haul of 12 medals from the weekend, in the U12 Beginners, U12 Girls, U14 Boys, U14 Mixed, U16 Boys, U16 Mixed, U21 Girls, U18 Mixed, Masters Men and Intermediate Ladies. However, pride of place on the roll of honour must go to our fabulous U16 girls who won gold and silver on Sunday afternoon, having both qualified for the final from Saturday's heats. The excitement during the race and the reception that both crews received when they returned to shore will live long in the memory. Coxed by Kieran Counihan and Paul Burke the two Valley crews

battled each other fiercely all the way up and down the course before Kieran's crew claimed the spoils by a matter of inches. The friendship and loyalty between both crews after the race was truly heart-warming.

The All-Ireland weekend is a major logistical operation for the club, and we are grateful to everyone who helped in anyway preparing for the event. Thanks to John Fleming, Karol Kelly, Kieran Counihan, Colm Ó'Suilleabháin and Richie Leane for transporting the boats and equipment. Thanks also to everyone who helped launch and catch boats over three long days, no one would have made it out to row over the weekend without them!

Flesk Valley would also like to thank the indomitable Mary B Teahan and the Irish Coastal Rowing Federation team for their hard work in organising and hosting such a fantastic event. The atmosphere and organisation of the championships was top class from start to

finish: from the on-the-water commentary and superb drone footage on the big screen, to the fantastic live stream that let many people tune in at home (and in Bantry!). We would also like to very sincerely thank the safety and medical personnel for looking after everyone so well at the weekend.

This weekend was the culmination of a long year of training on the Valley shore, and many thanks are due to our coaches and coxes for their time and encouragement throughout the year. Thanks to Colm Ó'Suilleabháin, Breda Burke, Paul Burke, Kieran Counihan, Saoirse Sweeney, Jillian O'Neill, Caoimhe Kelly, John Fleming, Donal Kelly and Tadhg Kelly.

Finally, sincere thanks to the families and Flesk Valley supporters who made the trip to Bantry over the weekend and who supported all the Valley crews.



Flesk Valley Under 16 Girls who won gold and silver at the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Bantry last weekend. Front L-R Paul Burke (cox), Orlagh Brosnan, Caitlin Lucey, Orlaith O'Sullivan and Bláthnaid O'Connell. Back L-R Zoe O'Neill, Jennifer Rea, Kieran Counihan (cox), Marieclaire van Vrede and Erin Prendergast.



Flesk Valley Under 21 and Intermediate Ladies won Silver and Bronze at the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Bantry last weekend. L-R Amy Healy, Saoirse O'Sullivan, Caoimhe Kelly, Tadhg Kelly (cox), Saoirse Sweeney and Clíodhna Sweeney.



Flesk Valley Under 16 Mixed crew who won Bronze at the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Bantry last weekend. L-R Hubert Sobilo, Aodhagán O'Sullivan, Orlaith O'Sullivan and Bláthnaid O'Connell.



Flesk Valley Under 18 Ladies at the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Bantry last weekend.



Flesk Valley Under 12 Girls with their coach Colm O'Suilleabháin at the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Bantry last weekend.



Flesk Valley past and future, all of whom competed at the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Bantry last weekend: L-R John and Patrick Fleming, Karol and Ollie Kelly, Tadhg and Cuan Kelly, Colm and Colm Og O'Sullivan.



Flesk Valley Under 18 and 21 ladies at the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Bantry last weekend. Front: L-R Saoirse O'Sullivan, Caoimhe Kelly, Amy Healy and Clíodhna Sweeney. Back L-R Kornelia Adamczyk, Clodagh Flanagan, Sophia Sharma, Deirbhle Purcell, Maebh O'Connor, Alice Hickey and Liadan Colman.



Niece and aunt, Amy and Martha Healy who rowed for Flesk Valley at the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Bantry last weekend, with their supporters.



Proud parents supporting Flesk Valley at the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Bantry last weekend. L-R Ciara Prendergast, John O'Grady and Liam Hegarty.



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Gleneagle Concert Band celebrates packed summer programme as it welcomes new members this September



It has been a year to remember for the Gleneagle Concert Band, with the Killarney-based ensemble enjoying a packed programme of performances, festivals, film work, international travel, fundraising and community events. The band's annual series of summer street concerts in Killarney has once again been a major highlight. Bringing live music directly to locals and visitors, the outdoor performances feature everything from traditional concert band repertoire and marches to film music, jazz and much more. For the band's younger musicians in particular, the concerts provide invaluable experience of performing in public, helping them to develop confidence while enjoying the excitement of live music.

The Gleneagle Concert Band has also performed at some of the country's best-known summer events, including the Summer in Killarney Festival, Puck Fair and the Rose of Tralee. This year, the band's activities even extended into the world of film, with members involved in the production of *Jimmy*, the upcoming Hollywood biographical drama about legendary American actor Jimmy Stewart. The experience gave members the unique opportunity to bring their musicianship to a cinematic setting ahead of the film's planned release later this year. Community involvement and fundraising also remain at the heart of the band's activities. Throughout the year, the Gleneagle Concert Band has supported local charities and organisations, including Kerry Stars Special Olympics Sports Club and Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House, through performances and fundraising initiatives. The band's Annual Concert was another major success, selling out and reflecting the tremendous support the ensemble continues to receive from audiences in Killarney and beyond. International travel has also become an important part of the band's musical journey.

Following previous tours to Germany, Holland, Sweden, Paris, Lisbon, Monaco and Cannes, as well as a hugely successful trip to Seville in 2025, members are now preparing for their next international adventure. In August 2027, the band will travel to Bilbao and San Sebastián, where members will have the opportunity to perform internationally while experiencing the culture and attractions of northern Spain. For many members, these overseas tours become some of their most memorable experiences with the band.

Music Development Officer Vincent Condon said:

"It has been an incredibly busy and exciting 12 months for the Gleneagle Concert Band, and we have been able to give our members an amazing variety of experiences.

What makes Gleneagle special is that our musicians don't just rehearse in a room and play the occasional concert. They perform at major events, festivals and community occasions, take part in film productions, travel internationally and, importantly, have fun together as a band.

We are also very proud of the support we receive from the local community. Selling out our Annual Concert and being able to support local charities through our fundraising and performances is something that means a great deal to our members. The band is open to everyone. We welcome young people who want to learn an instrument, as well as adults who have previous musical experience and would like to return to playing or join a new ensemble. Adults with no previous experience can also start lessons with us."

"There is still plenty more to come, including our tour to Bilbao and San Sebastián in 2027, and we are now looking forward to September and welcoming new musicians into the Gleneagle Concert Band."

As the summer programme draws to a close, the Gleneagle Concert Band is inviting children, young people and adults from Killarney and surrounding areas to join for the new season. No previous musical experience is necessary. Specialist instrumental tuition is available from nine years of age upwards, with lessons offered in clarinet, flute, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, French horn, euphonium, tuba, percussion and drums.

Young musicians can begin lessons with specialist teachers and progress into the band as their confidence and musical ability develop. Adults with previous musical experience are also very welcome, whether returning to an instrument after a break or looking for a new ensemble to join. Adults with no previous experience can also begin lessons and develop their skills from the ground up.

Being part of the Gleneagle Concert Band offers much more than musical tuition. Members make friends, develop confidence, perform at major public events, take part in concerts and festivals, support local causes and have opportunities to travel internationally.

With more than 45 years of giving people the opportunity to learn, perform and grow through music, the Gleneagle Concert Band continues to build for the future.

September is the perfect time to pick up an instrument and become part of the Gleneagle Concert Band community.

For further information on joining the band, lessons and registration, contact 087 222 9513 or follow the Gleneagle Concert Band on social media for details of upcoming events.

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Castle Saunderson International Scout Centre in Co. Cavan welcomed hundreds of young people from across the island of Ireland for Scouting Ireland's Phoenix Challenge 2026, taking place from Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th August. Among those that took part were Scouts from two Kerry Scout Groups: the 6th Kerry Killarney, and the 14th Kerry Killorglin Scout Groups. The 16 young people from these groups put their skills, teamwork and leadership to the test over the four-day competition.

Recognised as the highlight of the scouting year, the Phoenix Challenge is the largest annual scouting competition in Ireland, bringing together patrols from across the country to test their skills, leadership, teamwork and resilience through a series of outdoor challenges and activities.

This year's event is themed "Tom Crean and the Lost Journal", inspired by the remarkable life and expeditions of Irish Antarctic explorer Tom Crean. Throughout the weekend, scouts followed in Crean's footsteps, undertaking challenges designed to develop teamwork, problem-solving, creativity and leadership while uncovering clues from a fictional lost expedition journal.

The competition combines practical scoutcraft skills, campcraft, outdoor cooking, sustainability initiatives and programme challenges, with patrols competing for the prestigious Phoenix Challenge Trophy alongside a range of awards recognising excellence in leadership, campcraft, environmental practices, entrepreneurship and teamwork.

"The Phoenix Challenge showcases scouting at its best; young people from across Ireland come together to challenge themselves, work as a team and demonstrate the practical and leadership skills they have learned throughout the year," said Scouting Ireland CEO, Seán Sheehan.

"This year's Tom Crean-inspired theme encouraged participants to embrace adventure, resilience and exploration, values that continue to inspire young people today. We were thrilled to welcome scouts from across the country to Castle Saunderson for what was another fantastic Phoenix Challenge."

Over the four-day event, patrols constructed and managed their own campsites, participated in themed programmes and activities inspired by Crean's expeditions, showcased their creativity during the Antarctic Trade Fair and took part in the traditional Phoenix Campfire. The weekend concluded with the much-anticipated Trek Cart Race before the overall winners are announced at the closing ceremony.

In addition to testing practical outdoor skills, the Phoenix Challenge focuses on developing vital life skills including leadership, communication, planning, resilience and teamwork, while encouraging young people to build confidence and friendships in a supportive environment.

KERRY SCOUTS FOLLOW IN TOM CREAN'S FOOTSTEPS at Scouting Ireland's Phoenix Challenge 2026



Kilcummin GAA Welcomes St Barnabas GFC



Kilcummin GAA welcomed visitors from St. Barnabas GFC in the Bronx, New York, last Saturday for an U12 football challenge match as part of the club's trip to Ireland.

The enjoyable game produced plenty of excellent football and fine scores from both sides. Afterwards, players, mentors and supporters from both clubs enjoyed refreshments generously provided by Kilcummin GAA and parents.

The club thanked everyone who helped organise the event, prepare the facilities and tidy up afterwards, as well as those who stayed on to chat and enjoy the occasion.

It was a memorable day for both clubs and a wonderful experience for the young players. Kilcummin GAA wished their new friends from St. Barnabas GFC a safe journey home.



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Kerry County Council Welcomes the Gum Litter Taskforce Roadshow

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The Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT), in partnership with Kerry County Council, as part of its 2026 Summer Roadshow is on tour, promoting responsible gum disposal, cleaner communities and greater awareness of Ireland's transition to a circular economy.

The visit comes as research from the Gum Litter Taskforce reveals that littering is now viewed as socially unacceptable by more than 4 in 5 (82%) young people. However, almost 1 in 4 young people still do not regard chewing gum as litter, highlighting the need for continued education and awareness.

Encouragingly, more than 9 in 10 people (92%) now report properly disposing of their chewing gum – the highest level recorded since the campaign began in 2007.

Welcoming the campaign, Breda Moriarty, Environmental Awareness Officer for Kerry County Council said:

"Kerry County Council are delighted to welcome the Gum Litter Task Force to Tralee. Campaigns such as this help to raise awareness of the negative impact of littering and encourage people to bin their gum when they're done."

Avril Donlon, Gum Litter Campaign Manager at Food Drink Ireland, added:

"This latest research shows real progress, with more young people recognising that littering is unacceptable and taking action. Our focus remains on making responsible gum disposal the norm and continuing to build on the positive behaviours we are seeing across communities nationwide." The Summer Roadshow will visit locations nationwide

throughout June, July and August, while the Bin It! programme will return to schools from October.

Educational resources are available at www.gumlittertaskforce.ie.



Katie Lynch (Gum Litter), Breda Moriarty (Environmental Awareness Officer with Kerry County Council), Eamon Cunningham (MD Officer Tralee), Brendan O'Brien (Tralee Tidy Towns) and Doreen Umoren (Gum Litter) were in attendance in Tralee Town Park on Saturday as part of the Féile Thrá Lí festival to raise awareness about binning your gum as part of a litter campaign. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



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KILLARNEY LADYBIRDS

Prepare for September Return

Killarney Ladybirds are getting ready for another year of fun, friendship and adventure, with a waitlist now being formed for September registration.

The youngest members of Irish Girl Guides, Ladybirds are open to girls aged five to seven and meet every Monday from 6pm to 7pm during the school year. Meetings include games, crafts, activities and challenges, with girls also working towards their Ladybird badges.

The group also enjoys getting out and about, with recent activities including hikes at the Blue Pool followed by a barbecue and s'mores, participation in the Killarney St Patrick's Day Parade, visits to Sandy

Feet Farm, outdoor scavenger hunts, Christmas outings and community fundraising activities.

Ladybirds encourages girls to learn through doing, helping them develop confidence, independence, creativity and teamwork in a fun and supportive environment.

Girls can continue their guiding journey as they grow, progressing from Ladybirds to Brownies and Guides.

Parents of girls aged five to seven who would like to join are invited to register their interest for September at bit.ly/Ladybirds2026.





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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

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Kilcummin Comhaltas would like to congratulate all our members who competed in Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann last week. It was such a wonderful celebration. We had 2 musicians, one participating in Comhrà Gaeilge & 9 sets, comprising of 48 dancers involved. Huge Congratulations to all our prize winners. Michael Healy won O18 Melodeon. Eoin Foley U18 Accordion - 3rd place. U12 Mixed & Ladies full set - 1st place. O18 Mixed & Ladies full set - 2nd place. O18 half set - 2nd place. O35 Ladies set - 2nd place. Our Celebration night will take place in Kilcummin GAA hall on Friday 11th Sept at 8pm. Music with Neilie O Connor. Finger food & split the bucket on the night. Everyone is welcome.

KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY CARE

Kilcummin Community Care has resumed and meet every Tuesday from 11am to 2pm in the G.A.A. hall. Hot dinner provided, free transport available. Anybody interested, please contact Mary Doyle on 064 663357 / 086 1550803.

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Fr. Sean O'Leary of the Holy Ghost Missionaries: Sincere thanks on their recent collection in Kilcummin Church, which came to €1,150.00. They sincerely thank you all for your generosity.

KILCUMMIN LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

The Kilcummin Ladies Football Club annual used clothes collection will take place at the clubhouse on Friday, 25th September, from 7pm to 9pm; on Saturday, 26th, from 10am to 12 noon and Sunday the 27th, from 11am to 12:30pm. Items that can be included are re-wearable clothing, paired shoes, handbags and belts, towels and blankets, soft toys, and curtains. Every bag counts. Your support is greatly appreciated.

KILCUMMIN GAA

Keanes SuperValu Co Intermediate Rd2: Kilcummin 2-12 Furies 1-14

Our senior team scraped over the line in this closely contested encounter in Farranfore on Saturday evening last but showed great courage and determination in doing so. Philip O'Leary had two early points but Furies

led by two after 15 minutes. A Mark O'Shea point and a Kevin McCarthy goal after 17 minutes saw us lead by two points. Furies rallied however and the teams were level again only for Sean O'Leary to kick a late point to see us lead at half time by the minimum 1-4 to 0-6. Furies levelled early in the second half but a Mikey Casey point and a Philip O'Leary goal following good work from Kevin McCarthy saw us take a four point lead. When Kieran Murphy kicked a two - pointer a minute later we appeared to be in control of the game. However a lapse of concentration in our defence saw the ball end up in Brendan Kealy's net and a galvanised Furies found themselves just three points behind. Despite two further Mikey Casey points, four unanswered scores by Furies left us trailing by a point with 5 minutes left. Kevin McCarthy and Cian Foley forged us ahead but Furies levelled again in injury time. In the final play of the game up stepped man of the match Philip O'Leary to seal victory in a thrilling contest. While Kilcummin will not be happy with certain aspects of their performance they still showed great resilience in overcoming a very impressive Furies team and now look forward to a home game against John Mitchells at the weekend.

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 10th August 2026 for the Jackpot of €9,750. Numbers drawn were 20,22,24,30. Consolation prizes of €50 Tom & Eileen O'Sullivan, Peter O'Connor, Mark Fleming, Denis Dennehy. Our next draw will be on Monday 24th August for Jackpot of €10,000. Thank you for your continued support.

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LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Friday, 14th August for the Jackpot of €10,000. Numbers drawn were 02,10,12,27. Consolation prizes of €50 went to O'Leary Family, Mastergeeha; Ada Fleming, Rathanane; Paul Lenihan; Tony Cahill. Our next draw will be on Friday 21st for Jackpot of €10,200.

GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Glenflesk 1-16 Kerins O'Rahillys 0-12

With elimination after 2 games from the Intermediate Championship a certainty if Glenflesk were defeated last Sunday, the team responded with a tenacious, intense performance, ending with a well deserved 7 point win over Kerins O'Rahillys, leaving qualification for the quarter finals still a strong possibility. After an early 2 point free from Darragh O'Connor put the visitors in front, Glenflesk replied with well worked scores from John Kelliher and Dylan Roche. Defences were on top early, with both sides missing chances, leaving the scores level at 3 points after 15 minutes. After Patrick Darcy put Glenflesk ahead again, the Tralee side replied with 4 points without reply, a Barry John Keane 2 pointer the pick of them. With 4 minutes to go to half time, Glenflesk needed a response. They ended the half well, with a Daniel Brien point the first of 4 to end the half. Liam O'Brien, Brian O'Donoghue and Kelliher, giving them a 1 point lead at half time, on a score of 8 points to 7. The break for half time did not stop the momentum, with Glenflesk's intensity in the tackle causing the visitors problems. They steadily increased the lead, with Dylan and Darragh Roche, Darcy and a Mark Kelliher 45, putting them 5 ahead, and well on the way to victory. With Kerins O'Rahillys really struggling, they got a lifeline when

O'Connor fired over a long range 2 point free. When he fired over another monster 2 pointer, this time from play, there was only a point between the sides. Sub Callum Cronin then increased Glenflesk's lead again. Then Glenflesk's outstanding midfielders John Kelliher and Luke Crowley linked up for the crucial goal. Kelliher judging his loop perfectly, with Crowley blasting home from close range. Cronin and Darragh Roche then linked up for Roche to get the final score of the day, and send Glenflesk to Castleisland Desmonds this Saturday 22nd at 6:30pm in Castleisland, with everything still to play for, after a highly impressive and well earned victory. Thanks to Michael Healy for the match report.

JUNIOR PREMIER CHAMPIONSHIP

Well done to our Senior Ladies, who got their Championship campaign off to a great start with a strong win over Inbhear Scéine Gaels last Sunday. Final Score Glenflesk 3:17 ISG: 3:07. Their next Championship game is away to Fossa on the 6th of September.

COMMUNITY GAMES

The very best of luck to Dylan O'Connor, Kaylee Lynch and brothers Ryan, Jacob and Robbie O'Donoghue who will be representing Glenflesk and Kerry at the Athletics National Finals in Carlow this weekend.

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

August 16th 2026. Jackpot €4,350. Numbers Drawn: 9, 24, 25, 26. No Winner. €100 Frances Arthur, Faha East. €50 Geraldine and Deirdre O'Grady (online). €50 Joan Spillane, Culleenymore. €25 Lisa Moriarty (online). €25 Eilish Hickey (online). Jackpot next weekend 23rd Aug 2026 €4,500

MINORS

Listry minors play West Kerry in the County minor championship at home in Faha on Thursday August 20th at 7pm.

SENIORS

Our seniors play Annascaul at home in Faha Sunday August 23rd at 1pm. Huge support needed for both teams and management.

U11

Under 11 boys in Jerry Foley blitz in farranfore Saturday 22nd.

U10

U10 girls are playing away in Beaufort on Sunday 23rd at 10am.

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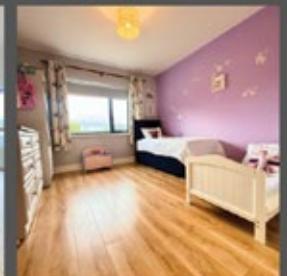
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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O'Mahony

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Gneeveguilla athletes who represented Kerry at the league finals in Morton Stadium last weekend. Michael O'Neill won gold overall with the Kerry men's team, while Mairead O'Neill and Sheila O'Donoghue were members of the ladies' team which took silver. Well done to all involved.

RATHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL 301 CLUB

Yearly renewals for the Rathmore Community Council 301 Club are now due for 2026/2027. Renewals can be made through the new app or through committee members. For further information, contact Marie on 087 6562388, Jacenitha on 087 7044176 or Siobhan on 087 2224118.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROSARY, GNEEVEGUILLA

Eucharistic Adoration takes place every Tuesday from 10am to 8pm. The Holy Rosary is prayed in the church every Wednesday at 8pm and is also live-streamed on MCN Gneeveguilla.

SYMPATHIES

Sympathy is extended to the Murphy family, Coom Lower, on the death of their mother, Eithne Murphy, who passed away in her 105th year. Her funeral took place in Gneeveguilla on August 5.

Sympathy is also extended to Maura O'Leary, Church Place, on the death of her brother, Fr Micheál O'Leary, whose funeral took place in Rathmore on August 13.

Sympathy to Sheila O'Keeffe and family on the death of her husband and their father, Dermot O'Keeffe, Old Road. His funeral took place in Rathmore on August 10. May Eithne, Fr Micheál and Dermot rest in peace.

KERRY PETROLEUM SENIOR CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 1 – Round 2: Rathmore 0-18 Spa 0-16

Rathmore secured a two-point victory over Spa in the Kerry Petroleum Senior Club Football Championship.

NEW GP SURGERY IN RATHMORE

Rathmore Medical Centre, located at Block 2, St Joseph's Day Care Centre, will open on Monday, August 31. The surgery will operate Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm. Appointments are now being taken and new patients are welcome. Registration forms are available at the centre or through the Killarney Medical Centre website. Telephone 064 6620628.

YOUNG ADULT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

A Young Adult Catholic Conference for those aged 18 to 40 will take place on August 29. The Legion of Mary in Kerry hopes to sponsor two young unemployed adults to attend. For further information, contact Patricia on 087 9048659.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

In February 2027, Transition Year student Katie Creedon will travel to Kolkata with the HOPE Foundation, where she will have the opportunity to see first-hand the work being carried out to support vulnerable children and families. Each student taking part is required to fundraise towards the expenses of the trip. Support for Katie's fundraising is greatly appreciated.

GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETICS

Huge congratulations to our athletes who were on the league teams at Morton stadium last weekend Michael O'Neill winning gold overall with the Kerrymens team & Mairead O'Neill and Sheila O'Donoghue who were on the ladies team and won Silver.

Training resumes this month. Training in Glash takes place on Tuesday, August 25 at 7pm, with Gneeveguilla training on Thursday, August 27 at 7pm. These sessions are for athletes born in 2019 or earlier, including U10s, seniors and masters. Training in Boherbue resumes on Tuesday, September 8 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

Distance runners train in Glash with Fergal at 6.45pm, followed by circuits from 7pm to 8pm. Throws and jumps training takes place in Gneeveguilla and Glash on Sunday mornings at 11am for U10s upwards, including seniors and masters.

Senior and masters running training takes place on Monday evenings at 7pm in Gneeveguilla. Contact Cheryl on 087 6413612.

The popular Couch to 5K programme is also returning on Monday, September 7 at 7pm. Everyone is welcome, whether starting from scratch or returning to fitness. Training takes place on Mondays and Thursdays through to early December, meeting at the picnic benches in Glash. Contact Ger on 083 0503340 or Sheila on 086 8136523.

GNEEVEGUILLA LOTTO

There was no winner of last week's Lotto jackpot. This Friday's jackpot, August 21, will be €14,800, with a bonus draw for €1,000.

SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group's Share the Bucket draw takes place every Friday evening at 8pm in Teach Fáilte and can be viewed live on the This week's jackpot winner was Gobnait Carmody, who won €208. Tickets cost €2 each or three for €5 and are available from Teach Fáilte, participating local businesses and online. Funds raised go towards the proposed new community facility. T

NOTES

If you would like to add to the community notes, please email Michael O'Mahony at momahony14@gmail.com or phone/text 087 6676817 before 6pm on Sunday evening.

BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

LOTTO

The fortnightly Draw for a Jackpot of €5,000 was held on Sunday last. Numbers drawn 2, 3, 6, 21. There was no winner. Consolation Prizes €80- Pat Mahony, Killorglin. €50- Eamon Breen, Patie & Cian Moriarty and Zack McGrath Next Draw on Sunday 30th August. Tickets available from usual sellers, local shops, bars and restaurants. It can also be done online <https://beaufortgaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/beaufort-gaa-club> It's quick and easy, with options for Quick Pick, buying for a friend and more. Your support is greatly appreciated.

RESULTS

Intermediate Championship: Beaufort 1-16 Castleisland Desmonds 1-12 Senior ladies Intermediate Championship Group game Corcha Dhuibhne beat Beaufort.

FIXTURES

Our Senior men play Kerin O'Rahillys next weekend in their final group game in the Intermediate Championship. Game fixed for Saturday in Strand Road, Tralee at 6.30pm.

Saturday 22nd August: Beaufort U12 boys take part in the Jerry Foley memorial blitz in Firies at 10am.

Sunday 23rd August: Beaufort senior ladies play MKL Gaels in round 2 of the Intermediate championship at 12 noon in Beaufort.

Sunday 23rd August: U12 boys play Spa in round 4 of the East Kerry League at 7.30pm in Beaufort.

Sunday 23rd August: U14 girls play Fossa in Fossa at 7pm.

GAELIC FOR MOTHERS AND OTHERS team are busy preparing for

their forthcoming trip to New York to play in the annual Football Blitz in October. At present the players are selling Raffle tickets for great prizes. Winners will be drawn at their 80/90s Fundraiser Disco night in Kate Kearneys on Friday night next. Great night guaranteed.

JUVENILE NEWS

Well done to our U10 Boys who won the Sheild competition in the inaugural Seamus Weldon Blitz in Fossa. Thanks to Fossa for inviting our club. Also coaches and parents who gave of their time to support our players.

Our U12 girls played Ballydonoghue in Beaufort on Tuesday evening. A very evenly matched affair with both teams playing with skill and determination. Thanks to our club referee Luke Savage for doing a great job also.

U14 Boys East Kerry League: **Rathmore B 1-9 Beaufort 4-10**

Well done to the Beaufort lads for a decent performance away from home. They turn on the style in the first half with quick balls through the forwards and led at half time 4-6 to 1-3.

The second half was an even affair with Rathmore edging the half by 4 points to 3 points. The bench was emptied to great effect from half time onwards and the fresh players contributed well.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

All in the club wish our senior player Seán O'Brien the very best in his surgery and his recovery from a knee injury he sustained recently.

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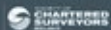
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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

CLUB ANNUAL MASS AND 1966 O'DONOGHUE CUP WINNING TEAM HONOURED

Over 100 people attended the Club's Annual Mass, which was celebrated by Club President Fr Tim O'Sullivan and Club Vice President Fr Michael O'Donoghue. Following Mass, the Club proudly honoured the 1966 O'Donoghue Cup-winning team with a special presentation. All surviving members of the historic team were in attendance, along with family representatives of deceased team members and mentors. It was a wonderful occasion to remember and celebrate the achievements of a team that holds a special place in the Club's history. A fabulous night was had by all, with great memories shared and the Club community coming together to honour the past and celebrate the present.



Jim Gleeson, one of the Spa 1966 O'Donoghue Cup Winning members who received a special presentation on Friday night, presented by club chairman Tadhg Hickey

SPA EDGED OUT BY RATHMORE IN MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Spa suffered a narrow two-point defeat to Rathmore in Round 2 of the Kerry Petroleum Senior Football Club Championship on Sunday afternoon, with Rathmore winning 0-18 to 0-16. Playing with the wind in the first half, Spa led 0-11 to 0-7 at half-time, with two-pointers from Evan Cronin, Cian Murphy (2) and Dan O'Donoghue, while David Spillane and Liam Kearney also got on the scoresheet. Spa extended their lead to five points in the second half before a Rathmore two-pointer following a Spa breach helped turn the game in the hosts' favour. Rathmore moved two points clear before Spa scored to reduce the deficit to one, but a late save from Rathmore goalkeeper William Casey denied Spa the chance to regain the lead, and the hosts added another point to see out the win. With Dingle also losing to Crokes, both Spa and Dingle remain on zero points in Group A, with Dingle holding the advantage on score difference. Spa must win their final group game against Dingle to avoid the relegation play-off, with the match taking place in Spa on Sunday 23rd August at 1pm.

WINNING START FOR SPA LADIES IN LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP

Our Senior Ladies got their Premier Junior Championship campaign off to a winning start on Sunday with a hard-fought victory over neighbours Killarney Legion in Spa. Playing against the breeze in the opening half, Spa trailed by a point at half-time, 0-4 to 1-2. Spa took control of the early stages of the second half, kicking some excellent scores to move ahead, and despite Legion remaining within touching distance, the Spa defence stood firm to see out the game. Spa eventually secured a deserved 0-11 to 1-6 victory and got their championship campaign off to the perfect start. Next up for Spa is a trip to Ballymac on 6th September, with Spa having already secured at least a QF spot.

U14 BOYS CLAIM EAST KERRY DIVISION 3 TITLE

Spa U14s produced a fantastic comeback against neighbours Glenflesk in their Division 3 East Kerry League Final clash in Spa last Thursday. Spa started brightly and controlled the opening exchanges, but Glenflesk responded strongly to lead by four points at half-time, 3-8 to 3-4. As has



Spa U14s who defeated Glenflesk in the East Kerry Division 3 Final

been the case in many of their big games, the lads produced their best football after the break, with a tremendous work rate creating turnovers and pressure which provided the platform for the forwards to convert their chances. Spa outscored Glenflesk 2-9 to 2-2 in the second half to complete an impressive comeback and secure a well-deserved 5-13 to 5-10 victory. Captain Keenan McCarthy proudly received the trophy on behalf of his teammates. A huge well done to all the lads on an excellent team performance, and thanks to Glenflesk for a tough, sporting and hugely entertaining game, as well as to the referee and his officials for their efforts.

U10 BOYS IMPRESS IN SEAMUS WELDON TOURNAMENT

Spa U10 boys enjoyed a fantastic day at the inaugural Seamus Weldon Tournament in Fossa on Saturday, competing against 40 teams. After topping their group, the boys progressed through the Elite Competition knockout stages, overcoming Ballymac in the last 16 before narrowly losing out to Kerins O'Rahilly's in a hard-fought quarter-final. A brilliant achievement from the boys, who represented Spa with great skill, determination and team spirit throughout the day. Well done to all involved!

SPA MOTHERS & OTHERS ENJOY FANTASTIC DAY AT AUSTIN STACKS BLITZ

Spa Mothers & Others enjoyed a fantastic day out in Tralee on Saturday as they took part in the Austin Stacks Fundraiser Blitz. Thirteen ladies lined out for Spa, playing five games against Moyvane/Knockanure, Ballyduff/Glenflesk, Austin Stacks, Laune Rangers and Scartaglin, with plenty of football and great sporting spirit throughout the morning. The event also included a Zumba warm-up and some fun interval games, making it a great family day out. Well done to Austin Stacks on organising such an enjoyable event, with all funds raised going to Kerry Palliative Care.

EAST KERRY CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS

The draws for the East Kerry Championship took place last weekend. In the O'Donoghue Cup, our Senior Men will play away to Rathmore in the Quarter Final, having received a bye in Round 1. In the O'Sullivan Cup, our Men's Junior team will play away to the winners of Cordal or Glenflesk in the Quarter Final, having also received a bye in Round 1. Matches will be played in the coming months, with details confirmed once known.

GROUND IMPROVEMENTS AT SPA GAA

Further ground improvements have been made at Spa GAA with the installation of new seating on the clubhouse side of the pitch. The seats have been installed over the terrace area, directly on the halfway line, providing an excellent new viewing area for members and visitors. Thanks to the continued efforts of our excellent volunteers, the club facilities are maintained to a very high standard, while the club continues to look for opportunities to improve and develop our grounds. A big thank you to John Hannon of JH Fitout Ltd, who also coaches our U10 boys, for his help with the installation.

CLUB LOTTO

Spa Lotto 17/08/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 8, 14, 19, 27. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Patrick Carey, Moss O'Keeffe, Pat J Connolly, Aine O'Leary, Assumpta O'Donoghue.

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Spa Boys U10s who took part in the Seamus Weldon Tournament in Fossa



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By Dermot Cronin
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SUPERB

Leaving Cert results in Kerry are superb again this year. When it comes to achievement in the Leaving Cert and securing places in Further, Tertiary and Higher Education, Kerry students are top of the Class. By all means celebrate your success but also way up your options during the next few days and keep a close eye on the fast-moving timeline. CAO offers will flood into Kerry when Round One is released at 2.00pm on Wednesday, 26th August and important decisions will have to be made about your next step.

EARLY

Leaving Cert results were again issued in timely fashion this year as the timeline gets back to normal. A record 71,698 candidates entered for the Leaving Cert this year - 66,911 for the established Leaving Cert and 4,787 opting for the Leaving Cert Applied (LCA). 2,203 candidates from Kerry entered for the Leaving Cert exam - 2,054 for the established Leaving Cert and 149 for the LCA.

ADJUSTMENT

The post-marking adjustment applied by the SEC following the marking process should

result in some downwards movement of 2026 Leaving Cert exam grades and should see some downwards movement in CAO points' requirements for some courses. However points' requirements for competitive courses will remain high.

MARKS

Candidates can see their marks, including marks for each component and the post marking adjustment, on the CSSP from 12pm on Tuesday, 25th August. Candidates can apply on the CSSP to view their scripts online between 5pm on Tuesday, 25th August and 8pm on Wednesday, 26th August. LCA application to view scripts is done online during the same timeline. It's well worth viewing your marked scripts before deciding to appeal any subject(s) results. The facility to view marked scripts is provided free of charge.

VIEWING

Both scripts marked manually and scripts marked online will be available to candidates for viewing. In the case of the former, each candidate will be assigned one of two three-hour sessions on Saturday, 29th August. Session One is from 9.30am to 12.30pm, Session Two is from 2pm to 5pm. Online access to view scripts that were marked online will also be available from 9am on Saturday, 29th August to 9am on Sunday, 30th August.

RECHECK

Any candidate who wishes to submit an appeal application against an awarded grade - commonly called 'applying for a recheck' - can

do so on the CSSP between 10am on Sunday, 30th August and 5pm on Monday, 31st August.

APPEAL RESULTS

The results of appeals will be available to view on a candidate's CSSP from 11am on Friday, 25th September. Appeal results will also be available on Schools Portals from 11am on Friday, 25th September. The appeal fee is €40 per Leaving Cert subject and €15.50 per LCA subject. The fee is refunded if the appeal is successful.

TIMELINE

The timelines for candidates to apply to view scripts and to lodge their appeal applications are very short. The SEC maintains that these timelines are essential to ensure that the remaining stages of the appeal process can be completed as quickly as possible. The SEC will not accept late applications for viewing scripts or for submitting an appeal against an awarded grade.

CAO OFFERS

Latest CAO data confirms a final application figure of 95,597 applicants, up significantly from 89,308 in 2025 and 83,169 in 2024. The blue riband courses are again in high demand and will require high points to secure a course offer. However, with over 54,000 places on offer this year, applicants can be very hopeful of a college offer. All will be revealed when CAO Round One of offers is released next Wednesday. I sincerely hope that it will be a joyful day for Kerry's CAO applicants.

SEC/CAO TIMELINE

- Fri., 21st Aug: Leaving Cert results issued online at 10am
- Tues., 25th Aug.: Candidates can see their marks on the CSSP from 12pm
- Tues., 25th Aug.: Online application to view exam scripts opens at 5pm
- Wed., 26th Aug.: Online application to view exam scripts closes at 8pm
- Wed., 26th Aug.: CAO Round One offers online from 2pm
- Thurs., 27th Aug: CAO available place facility opens
- Sat., 29th Aug.: Viewing of scripts marked manually from 9.30am to 12.30pm
- Sat., 29th Aug.: Viewing of scripts marked manually from 2.00pm to 5.00pm
- Sat., 29th Aug.: Viewing of scripts marked online from 9am
- Sun., 30th Aug: Viewing of scripts marked online closes at 9am
- Sun., 30th Aug: Application to appeal opens at 10am
- Mon. 31st Aug: Application to appeal closes at 5pm
- Tues., 1st Sept: Accept Round One offer by

- 3pm
- Mon., 7th Sept: CAO Round Two offers online at 2pm
- Wed., 9th Sept: Accept Round Two offers by 3pm
- Tues., 15th Sept: CAO Round Three offers online at 10am
- Thurs., 17th Sept: Accept Round Three offers by 3pm
- Tues., 22nd Sept: CAO Round Four offers online at 10am
- Thurs., 24th Sept: Accept Round Four offers by 3pm
- Fri., 25th Sept.: Results of Leaving Cert appeals released at 11am
- Tues., 29th Sept.: CAO Round Five offers online at 10am
- Thurs., 1st Oct.: Accept Round Five offers by 3pm
- Thurs., 1st Oct.: CAO offer season ends
- Many Post-Leaving Cert (PLC) courses still have vacancies
- Tertiary Degree course applications accepted to late September
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- Many schools cater for repeat Leaving Cert students
- Double check all important dates on official correspondence
- The confidential help line free phone number is 1800 265 165
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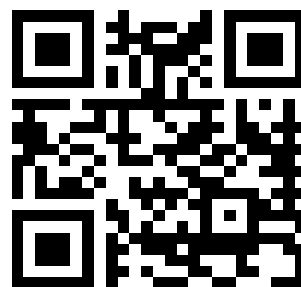
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Killarney Crews Set for Historic All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships

Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan

Crews from Killarney were among those taking part in the IRCF All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Bantry from Friday, August 14th to Sunday, August 16th. The championships were set to make history as the largest All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships ever held, with 730 crews entered from 35 clubs across the country.

The three-day event brought together coastal rowing clubs from throughout Ireland, with Killarney crews competing against some of the best rowers in the country in what promised to be a major weekend of competition and community spirit.



Rainbow warriors...Slve Rowing Club, discussing their result, action from the All Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships 2026 in Bantry Co. Cork.



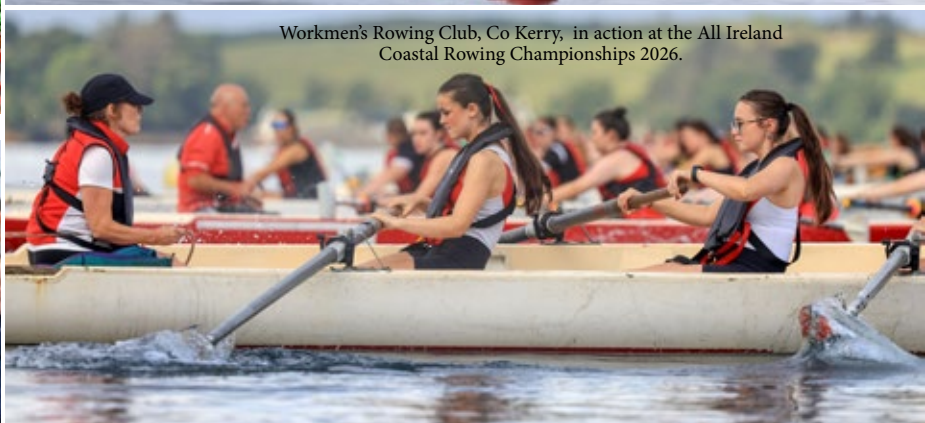
Plenty of action as crews make their way in and out of the shoreline.



Workmen's Rowing Club, Co Kerry, in action at the All Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships 2026.



Flesk Rowing Club, U12's crew silver in the U12's race with their club at the All Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships 2026 in Bantry Co. Cork.



Flesk Valley Rowing Club, Girls U14's in action.



Flesk Valley Rowing Club, Co Kerry, U12 winning silver in the All Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships 2026 in Bantry Co. Cork.

An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, TD with Minister for Heritage Christopher O'Sullivan, TD, meeting a composite crew from Castle Rowing Club, Antrim, and Niall O'Donochu of Templenoe Rowing Club, at the official opening ceremony of the All Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships 2026 in Bantry Co. Cork.



James O'Sullivan, Gurrane Rowing Club, Co Kerry, loading up the oars after a days racing in the All Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships 2026 in Bantry Co. Cork.



And they're OFF... action from the All Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships.



Fossa Rowing Club, Co Kerry, at the All Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships 2026.



Bláthnaid O'Connell, Flesk Valley Rowing Club, Co.Kerry, in action.



Members of Workmen's Rowing Club at the All Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships 2026.



Legendary Cox, Padraig O'Shea, from Sive Rowing Club, Caherciveen, on Day one of the All Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships 2026 in Bantry Co. Cork.



Gurrane Rowing Club, Co.Kerry, in action at the All Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships 2026 in Bantry Co. Cork.



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Brian McCarthy and Sarah Ahern pictured before the St. Brendan's Debs Ball which was held in Ballyroe Hotel recently.

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Cahill welcomes September start for two suicide crisis assessment nurses in Kerry

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry and member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health, Deputy Michael Cahill, has welcomed confirmation that two new Suicide Crisis Assessment Nurse (CNS SCAN) posts for Kerry are expected to commence in September.

The confirmation follows a Parliamentary Question submitted by Deputy Cahill regarding the provision of the two specialist posts, which are included in the National Service Plan 2026. The HSE has confirmed that the recruitment process for both posts has now been completed, with final arrangements currently being progressed to allow the successful candidates to take up duty. The two posts will support enhanced community-based crisis intervention services across Community Healthcare Areas 1 and 3 in County Kerry. Deputy Cahill said:

"I welcome the confirmation from the HSE that the recruitment process for both Suicide Crisis Assessment Nurse posts has been completed

and that it is anticipated that both successful candidates will commence in September.

"These are specialist posts that will play an important role in strengthening community-based crisis intervention services across Kerry and improving access to timely assessment and support for people experiencing a suicide crisis. "While I would have liked to see these posts operational during the summer, I understand the HSE's explanation that a range of operational and workforce considerations had to be managed to ensure existing critical mental health services were maintained.

"The important point now is that the recruitment process is complete and we have a clear indication that these posts are expected to commence in September."

Deputy Cahill continued, "When somebody is experiencing a mental health crisis, timely access to the appropriate professional support can be absolutely critical. Strengthening our community-based services means providing

people with access to specialist intervention closer to where they live."

"The HSE has stated that these appointments will enhance access to specialist suicide crisis assessment and intervention services and form part of broader developments aimed at strengthening community mental health supports and improving timely access to care. Concluding, the Rossbeigh based TD said "As a member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health, I will continue to raise the provision of mental health services and ensure that the commitments made to Kerry are delivered on the ground. I want to thank those who have raised concerns and engaged with my office on this issue. I will continue to monitor the implementation of these two posts and will seek further updates from the HSE if there is any delay to the anticipated September commencement."

Call for for stronger legislation on spiking following renewed calls for action



Fianna Fáil Councillor Tommy Cahill has renewed his call for stronger legislation and clearer procedures to tackle spiking, following renewed calls from the Sexual Violence Centre Cork for new legislation on the issue.

Cllr Cahill raised the issue at a recent meeting of Kenmare Municipal District, where he called on Kerry County Council to write to the Department of Justice and the Department of Health urging the Government to establish clearer procedures and introduce proper

legislation around spiking.

In response, the Minister for Justice confirmed that the Government is committed to a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence and acknowledged that the Programme for Government contains a commitment to introduce stronger laws to combat the spiking of drinks.

The Minister also confirmed that spiking a person's drink, or spiking someone by injection, is already capable of constituting a criminal offence under existing legislation, depending on the circumstances. Gardaí are also advised to take all reports of spiking seriously and investigate each incident thoroughly.

However, Cllr Cahill said the renewed call from the Sexual Violence Centre Cork demonstrates that further action is required.

"Spiking is a deeply serious issue which can have devastating consequences for victim and we need to ensure that our laws and procedures are keeping pace with the reality of what is happening.

"I raised this matter at the Kenmare Municipal District because I believe we need a clear,

consistent and robust approach to dealing with spiking. While I welcome the Minister confirming that stronger laws are included in the Programme for Government, victims need to know that the system is equipped to deal with these incidents properly.

"The fact that the Sexual Violence Centre is now calling for new legislation should reinforce the need for the Government to move forward with this commitment as a matter of urgency.

"We must make it absolutely clear that spiking is a serious crime and that there will be consequences for those who deliberately drug or otherwise incapacitate another person without their knowledge or consent.

Cahill, who is the youngest member of Kerry County Council concluded, "I welcome the Minister's commitment to a zero-tolerance approach, but that commitment must be backed up by legislation, clear procedures and appropriate supports for victims. I will continue to pursue this issue and seek further progress from Government through Deputy Michael Cahill's office, who has raised this directly with the Minister on a number of occasions."

Concern Over Livestock Transport Ferry Service

Deputy Danny Healy-Rae has contacted the Minister for Agriculture regarding the serious concerns surrounding Brittany Ferries' decision to cease transporting livestock from Ireland from September.

The move is a major concern for farmers, particularly those who depend on the live export trade, with many livelihoods potentially at stake if alternative arrangements cannot be put in place.

Deputy Healy-Rae has called on the Government to ensure that alternative ferry capacity is secured to make up for the shortfall created by the loss of this service.

He said it was essential that a solution be found to ensure farmers can continue to access vital live export markets and that the livelihoods of those depending on the trade are protected.



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KILLARNEY RFC

PROUD WEEK FOR KILLARNEY RFC ON INTERPROVINCIAL STAGE

It has been a landmark week of representative honours for Killarney RFC, with three club players making big waves on the provincial scene.

Ava O'Malley makes Munster Debut: Homegrown talent Ava O'Malley earned her first senior cap for Munster Women in their Interprovincial Championship match against Ulster. Ava came off the bench in the #20 jersey in a proud moment for her family and the club.

Lily Morris Starts for Connacht: Props off to Lily Morris, who lined out at tighthead prop for Connacht Women in their clash against Leinster at Energia Park.

Freddie Prendiville Captains Munster U16s: Youth star Freddie Prendiville was named captain of the Munster U16 side for the IRFU Interprovincial Blitz in Portlaoise, leading his team with distinction across two matches.

WOMEN'S RUGBY: NEW SENIOR TEAM & RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Following the incredible momentum generated by our thriving underage girls' section and international success stories, Killarney RFC is launching a brand-new Women's Senior Team for the upcoming season!

Join the Squad: Whether you are an experienced player, returning after a break, or completely new to the game, everyone over 18 is welcome.

Focus on Fun & Development: Pre-season training combines fitness, core skills, and team bonding in a supportive, high-energy environment. It's a fantastic opportunity to stay active, learn a new sport, and be part of a pioneering new era for women's rugby in Killarney.

MINIS RUGBY RETURNS SEPTEMBER 5TH

The countdown is on for the return of the Killarney RFC Minis! Training kicks off on Saturday, 5th September, from 9:45 AM to 11:00 AM at the club grounds in Aghadoe.

Age Groups: Boys and girls from U6 up to U12.

New Players Welcome: No prior experience is necessary—just bring boots, a mouthguard, and plenty of energy.

SENIOR MEN PRE-SEASON TRAINING UNDERWAY

Pre-season training for the Senior Men's 1st and 2nd XV teams is now in full swing at Aghadoe ahead of the upcoming campaign.

Recruitment Drive: The club is actively recruiting new players. Whether you are an experienced player, looking to return to rugby, or completely new to the area, you are warmly invited to join.

STAY CONNECTED

Club Online Shop: Official club merchandise, training kit, and leisurewear are available to order via the O'Neills online store.

Website & Socials: For registration details, pitch allocations, and fixtures, visit killarneyrugby.com or follow Killarney RFC on Facebook and Instagram.

KILLARNEY BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS MONDAY 17TH AUGUST

North/South

Joint 1st: Therese McCarthy and John O'Shea

2nd: Doreen Brosnan and Hanneke Nieman

3rd: Brenda Moynihan and Therese O'Donoghue



East/West

1st: Hugh O'Connell and Eileen Brosnan

2nd: Margaret O'Sullivan and Michael McHugh

Joint 3rd: Tim and Mai Corcoran, Anne Clerkin and Maura B Moynihan

Congratulations to all the winners.

SUMMER BRIDGE continues on Mondays at the Monastery School, New Road at 7pm. All are welcome.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 06TH AUGUST

1st: Horst Rosler & Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare

2nd: Phyllis O'Regan & Pauline Lyne

3rd: President Michael McHugh & Anne Looney

RESULTS FOR 13TH AUGUST

1st: Marie Moloney & Joan Lenihan

2nd: Doreen Brosnan & Ron Carton

3rd: Phyllis O'Regan & Pauline Lyne

Well done all, great scoring.

CONGRATULATIONS to our President Michael McHugh on celebrating 60 years as a Brother with the Presentation Brothers.

SUMMER BRIDGE continues every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel. All bridge players are very welcome.

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

In a great week for Irish athletics it's been great to see our own Sarah Leahy reach the finals of the Women's 4x100m relay in the European Championships in Birmingham and break the national record in the process. The club is very proud of her and her achievements which she has worked so hard to accomplish.

Killarney Valley AC is still savouring the results of our participation in the National League Premier Divisional final where our male and female teams competed against the top clubs in the country. Our women's team finished in fifth place overall and our men's team finished in 6th place. We're so proud to have the strength in depth across multiple disciplines to field full teams for the competition. This is something that only a fraction of clubs across the country can do. It is a reflection of the work put in by the athletes themselves along with their coaches and help and support from friends, family, volunteers and more.

Our thanks to the 37 athletes who competed in

the competition and we look forward to building further on this progress.

Please email the club on killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com if you would like to join the club.

FOSSA ROWING CLUB

BANTRY - ALL IRELANDS

Last weekend the club travelled en masse to the gorgeous town of Bantry in West Cork to partake in the Irish Coastal Rowing Federation All-Ireland Championships. We had 50 rowers taking part in races on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in 19 different crews in what promised to be a very busy weekend for the club. Action got underway early on Friday, where we had four crews take part in the first day of the bumper weekend. Our U16 Mixed race featured two very strong crews who rowed their hearts out in their heat. Then later in the day in race 19, we had 2 crews taking part in the Novice Mixed Final. This turned out to be a cracking race with our Novice B crew fighting bravely to the finish line. Meanwhile our A Crew placed third after a trojan effort, winning the first club medals of the All Ireland Championships weekend! Then on Saturday there was an early start with the action getting underway from 8am as crews descended on the marina for another action packed day of racing. Our U16 girls got the action underway for Fossa where we had two crews entering, with the top 6 finishers making it into the final on Sunday. Both crews did the club so proud, with the A Crew qualifying for the final. Very well done to both crews! Then it was the turn of our Sprint ladies to hit the water. They did brilliant in a very closely fought race over the 800m. In race 14 we had our very own Alison Coffey represent the club in a composite crew - a masterclass! In race 20 our U18 mixed crew put on a heck of a show to put the other crews under pressure in the U18 Mixed Final. Another fantastic showing by this crew. In the final race with club representation, it was the turn of the U14 boys to hit the water in heat 2 of the U14 Boys. The boys finished very strongly and qualified for the U14 Boys Final on the Sunday, finishing a very busy but superb day of racing in Bantry.

Again the action got underway at 8am, and the water was calm, no wind and conditions perfect for a days rowing. Little did we know the rain would roll in and conditions stiffen as the day went on. First up it was the turn of our Pre-Veteran mixed crew to get the action underway. Another great display by this crew to get the day started. Then it was the turn of our Senior Mixed crew, who did themselves and the club very proud. Our U12 Girls were up next, in race 5 and they were superb. A huge congratulations to our youngest crew to take part, they were fantastic and really powered it home. U18 Boys were up next and they had a strong showing in the water, in a very strong race. Our Novice ladies crew were next in Race 8, battling through a very tough competition. In race 9 our Novice men were up and brought home the silverware, winning Silver in a very tough race, as conditions started to become a bit choppy than earlier in the morning. A superb row by one and all and a

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FOSSSA ROWING CLUB -U16 Mixed crews mixed

huge congratulations! In Race 14 our U16 boys fought the bad conditions as the rain fell heavy, and the conditions deteriorated quickly. The lads did themselves and the club proud.

In race 16 the Prevet Ladies battled the worsening conditions and put on a fantastic fight in their race. In race 19 our Veteran Mixed suffered a long delay in the cold and blustery conditions, behind the start line, putting on a fantastic row. Our U14 boys were in their final and put in a well fought display. In race 21 we saw our U16 girls take part in their final, having also qualified through their heat on Saturday.

They rowed their hearts out in the final and the whole club was so proud of them all. Our Intermediate ladies were up next, and braved the worsening conditions to put in another mighty display. Well done Ladies. Our final ladies crew then took to the water - our Junior Ladies Crew. Well done All. Our Junior men took part in the second last race of the day, another super effort as the lads contended with a crash and a lost steer! Finally it was the turn of our Senior Men who took on a hardy multirace and did the club very proud once more. A fantastic weekend in Bantry, topped off with

some celebrations to top the weekend. Well done to all our crews who took part, a truly fantastic turn out on the water by everyone. We are exceptionally proud of every single crew who took part, in our medal winners and especially proud of those rowing for the first time at the All Irelands. Thanks to our fantastic coxes for your guidance and hard work over the weekend as well as to our fantastic coaches for your hard work and dedication to get the crews ready for this fantastic weekend.

BEST OF LUCK TO THE FOSSSA COMMUNITY GAMES PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE COMPETING IN THE NATIONALS THIS WEEKEND IN CARLOW.



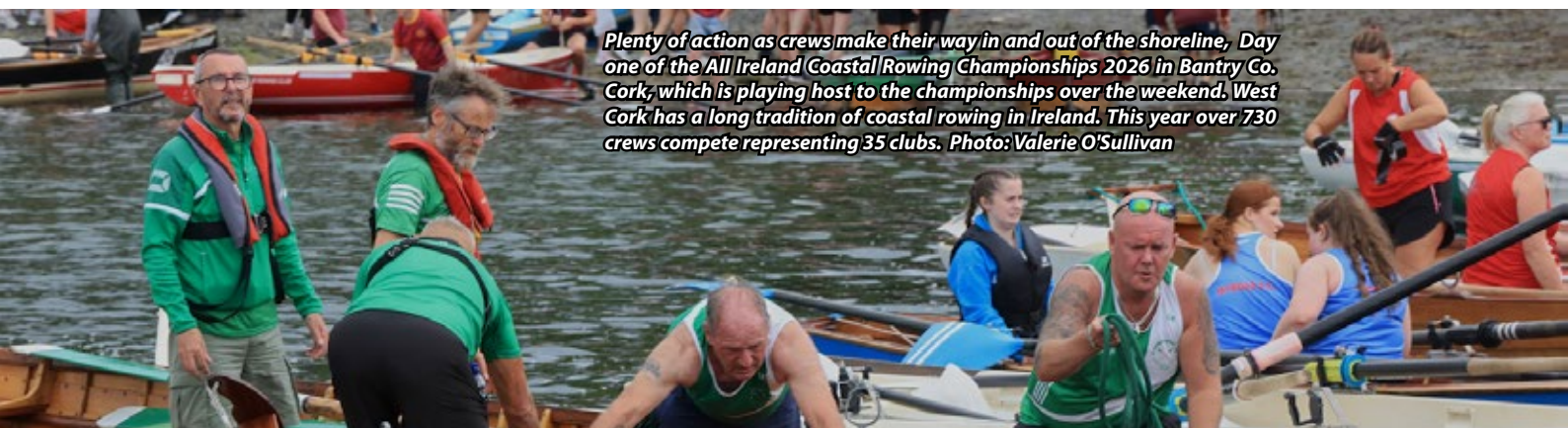
Eoin Murphy – U14 Long Jump



Fionn Daly – U8 60 Metres



Fossa Community Games U12 Soccer Team (Kerry and Munster Winners) pictured with new jerseys (sponsored by Sarah Treacy of OCKT Chartered Accountants) and gear bags sponsored by Maria Vaughan of Cluasa Hearing Services ahead of the competition this weekend. Back row left to right: Ollie Keogh, Jack Looney, Conor Brosnan, Mike O'Reilly, Finn Cronin, Cillian Cryan, Cillian Murphy
Front row left to right: Tadhg Lucey, Scott O'Sullivan, Keelan Swarbrick, Cian Vaughan, Cormac Breen, Hugo O'Doherty, James Maloney.



Plenty of action as crews make their way in and out of the shoreline, Day one of the All Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships 2026 in Bantry Co. Cork, which is playing host to the championships over the weekend. West Cork has a long tradition of coastal rowing in Ireland. This year over 730 crews compete representing 35 clubs. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



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NINE & DINE

Our Lady Captain Finola Geary would like to sincerely thank everyone who took part in successful Nine & Dine event that took place last week once again it's great to see our members enjoying the fine Castlerosse golf course including the newly opened 5th Green and enjoying the dining experience the Castlerosse Hotel offers us as members & friends.

Nine & Dine 14th August results

1st Place: Abine O'Connell, Barbara O'Shea, John Carlton

2nd Place: Brendan Brosnan, Eugene Riordan, Rose O'Connor

MIXED SCRAMBLE 11TH AUGUST, RESULTS:

1st Place: Liam Sweeney, Finola Geary (34) net 20.3

2nd Place: Donal O'Reilly, Sheila Rahilly (37) net 24.95

3rd Place: Brendan Brosnan, Eugene O'Riordan (39) net 25.65

COURSE DEVELOPMENT

We welcome the opening of the new green on the 5th hole which is an excellent test of our golf skills, please also note that there is a temporary tee box on the 3rd Hole whilst works takes place on the new layout.

SOCIAL GOLF

Social golf every Wednesday at 10.30am. Book on BRS.

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BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB - MEN'S

RESULTS FOR THE GLEASURE CUP (GOLFER OF THE YEAR ROUND 5), SATURDAY 15/ SUNDAY 16 AUGUST, 18 HOLE V-PAR - WHITE TEES

Sponsor - The Men's Club

1st: Paul Fahy 6 up (15)

2nd: Maurice Fitzgerald 5 up (23) Last three holes

3rd: Anthony O'Sullivan 5 up (24) Last nine holes

NEXT COMPETITION

Saturday 22/Sunday 23 August. Sponsor - Men's Club



Castlerosse Ladies Nine & Dine Event

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

SUNDAY AUGUST 16TH

What a day of days last Sunday was for the club in three different venues in three different competitions! Firstly, pride of place went to Ciara Lowe on completing a National and Munster Ladies Intermediate Strokeplay double in Cunnigar at the National Ladies Strokeplay Finals with her one under par round for her final 18 holes on Sunday giving her a winning total of four over par. Ciara's win comes 28 years after Margaret C Looney's win in the same event back in 1998 and 40 years after her dad Connie was on the Kerry's Mens team that won the 1986 National Inter-County. Congratulations to Ciara from all in the club. Not to be outdone her father teamed with Dan Broderick on Saturday to win the Intermediate Section of the Listowel Scotch Foursomes Scratch Cup. Also at Listowel David Harnett won the Junior Mens Singles event as Damien Fleming was third in the Senior Mens event. Finally, on Sunday, after some disappointment for himself at the conclusion of our U16 Scratch Cup on Saturday, Fionn McMonagle bounced back in style today to win the Bruff U16 Scratch Cup six days before it hosts the National Singles and Inter-County event. Well done to Fionn on completing a magnificent showing for the club.

U16 SCRATCH CUP

As mentioned there was a dramatic finish at our U16 Scratch Cup event on Saturday as a run of late birdies from Daniel Quinlan gave him victory over 36-hole leader Fionn McMonagle by a single stroke to become the first player to claim our brand new Claret Jug kindly

sponsored by The Victoria Killarney. Our thanks again to Johnny and Sinead Courtney as we say well done to our U16 Officers Mike Cronin and Niall O'Loughlin for running the event itself. Full Results -Deerpark unless stated- 45 Hole Scores Overall Winner: Daniel Quinlan 129, U16 Winner: Fionn McMonagle 130, U16 Runner-Up: Fionn O'Callaghan 133, U13 Winner: Aodhan O'Halloran 140, U13 Runner-Up: Joey Blake (Tralee) 146 (B9) Other Prizes (36 Holes) Girls Winner: Sarah Ryan (Tipp Hills) 120, Girls Runner-Up: Mary Walsh (Listowel) 152, U11 Prize: Colin Murphy 126 and Last 9 Prize: Ben O'Sullivan 27.

FLESK RESTAURANT SUMMER SERIES

August 11th Results- Winners: Daniel Kelly, Ciara Lowe, Ella Lowe & Ryan Lowe 32½ and Runners-Up: Declan Kelly, John Looney & Aodhan O'Halloran 36. Please note the final two stagings of this series take place on August 25th and September 1st respectively.

NATIONAL U16 STROKEPLAY AND INTER-COUNTY

Best Wishes to our members heading to these events in Bruff on Saturday as we wish Daniel Quinlan, Fionn McMonagle and Aodhan O'Halloran well in also representing Kerry in the Inter-County event.

CAPTAINS PRIZE

Our Captain Gearóid Cronin hosts his Captain's Prize this Sunday as there will be an 18-hole playoff for the Top 8 players after the first 36 holes are completed. All players asked to be present for 9am with a Shotgun Start in operation. Entry €10 per player.

CHAIRMAN'S PRIZE

Our Chairman Sean Kelly hosts his prize on Friday August 28th. Full details nearer the time but on the evening the following prizes will also



Nine & Dine Presentation by Lady Captain Finola Geary - 1st Place, Abine O'Connell, Barbara O'Shea, John Carlton.



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Johnny Courtney (The Victoria Killarney, Sponsor, fifth from left) presenting the prizes for the Deerpark U16 Scratch Cup which took place last Saturday along with the Club's U16 Officers Michael Cronin (third from left) and Niall O'Loughlin (fifth from the right). Pictured L to R: Colin Murphy, Mary Walsh (Listowel), Sarah Ryan (Tipp Hills), Daniel Quinlan (Overall Winner) Fionn McMonagle, Ben O'Sullivan, Fionn O'Callaghan, Joey Blake (Tralee) and Aodhan O'Halloran.



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club's Ciara Lowe who won the National Ladies Intermediate Strokeplay Championship receiving the Cup from Pitch & Putt Ireland President Davy Reddin at Cunnigar Pitch & Putt Club, Dungarvan, Co Waterford last Sunday at the official presentation.

be presented: (i) Willie Parker Memorial, (ii) Utility Trust Doubles Matchplay and (iii) Captain's Prize.

ROSS GOLF CLUB - GENTS

ON AUGUST 15TH AND 16TH WE HELD THE BACKSTAKES STABLEFORD COMPETITION

Kindly sponsored by Frank Doran/Safeguard Security

The winners were:-

1st: Paul Favier 42 (26)

2nd: Donald McSweeney 37 (11)

Division 1

1st: Alan Flynn 35 (7)

2nd: Aidan O'Connor 35 (12)

Division 2

1st: D J Hayes 37 (16)

2nd: Cormac O'Donoghue 36 (15)

Division 3

1st: Gerard Murphy 33 (21)

2nd: Guttrom Baadsvik 32 (24)

ON THURSDAY AUG 13TH OUR SENIORS HELD THEIR WEEKLY 10 HOLE COMPETITION.

The winners were

1st: John Fleming 21pts.

2nd: Niall Brosnan 20 pts

3rd: Sean Hickey 18 pts

ON FRIDAY AUGUST 14TH WE HELD OUR FRIDAY EVENING MIXED SCRAMBLE.

The winners were:-

1st: M J O'Sullivan, Muireann Hayes, Roy Stone.

2nd: Daniel Cronin, Elaine Casey, Mike O'Leary, Sean Hickey.

3rd: John Ivory, Micheál O'Leary, Sheila O'Mahony, Anthony O'Mahony

4th: Donie Broderick, Maurice Coffey, Daniel Creedon, John Fleming

J B O'SHEA TROPHY

Congratulations to the Ross GC team who finished runners up in the J B O'Shae trophy in the Ring of Kerry on Saturday last.

The hosts won the day however the Ross GC team of Dan Cronin, M J Casey, John Ivory and Mike O'Leary pushed them all the way to finish in the Silver Medal spot. Well done.

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

RESULTS 15TH AUGUST 2026

3 Person team event very kindly sponsored by Scarlett Killarney

1st: Susan Shorten, Emer Brosnan & Mary O'Connor (60 points)

2nd: Mary Gorman, Mary McGuire & Miriam Hickey (53 points)

3rd: Betty O'Farrell, Bridie Doyle & Noreen O'Mahony (50 points)

NINES OF KERRY

Congratulations to The Ross Golf Club Team who played in the Nines of Kerry on Saturday on getting through to the final. Well done everyone and thanks to all who came out to support.

COMPETITIONS

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1st: Marie Dennehy, Net 65

2nd: Geraldine Tarrant, Net 68

Best Gross: Anne Moynihan, 71

3rd: Fidelma O'Connor, Net 69

4th: Breeda Neeson, Net 69

5th: Jacinta Rafferty, Net 69

6th: Carmel O'Brien, Net 70

LADY CAPTAINS PRIZE AT BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

Lady Captain Mary Garvey held her much-anticipated Captain's Day on Sunday, 16th August, at Beaufort Golf Club.

The weather played its part for most of the day as a large number of ladies took to the fairways of Beaufort Golf Course, all hoping to claim one of the most coveted prizes on the golfing calendar. Lady Captain Mary warmly welcomed members



Lady Captain Mary with all the prize winners and Captain Charlie and President Michael also.

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and guests before play, sending everyone on their way with a gorgeous goody bag, along with plenty of water and fruit to keep them refreshed as they prepared to tackle the beautiful Beaufort course.

Following the day's golf, Lady Captain Mary was joined by her family and friends, Captain Charlie McAuley and President Michael Lynch in the clubhouse for a wonderful evening filled with fun, laughter and, of course, plenty of lively discussion about the day's golf — where it all went right, and perhaps more importantly, where it all went wrong!

Speaking from the heart, Lady Captain Mary reflected on how much she has enjoyed the honour of serving as Lady Captain and expressed her sincere gratitude to everyone who helped make her special day such a memorable occasion, as well as to all those who have supported her throughout her year.

A fantastic array of prizes awaited the winners, and Lady Captain Mary worked her way through the presentations with her trademark warmth and heartwarming commentary, ensuring that every prize winner was made to feel like a true professional.

With some excellent scoring and incredibly close results, Eimear McShortall emerged as the deserving winner, making her victory all the sweeter.

Mary O'Sullivan produced an outstanding round, returning a superb nett 60. However, due to a club competition eligibility rule regarding the required number of competitions played, she was unfortunately unable to take the overall title.

Former Lady Captain Kathleen Cronin (2023) secured third place with an excellent nett 66, while Tralee Rose Hannah Moynihan and former Lady Captain Joan O'Sullivan (2007) battled it out for fourth and fifth places.

The Past Captains' Prize went to former Lady Captain Noreen Kinsella (2019).



The Ross GC team who finished as runners-up in the JB O'Shea Trophy held in the Ring Of Kerry GC are (l to r) John Ivory, Captain Daniel Cronin, Mike O'Leary, Michael J Casey

Kerry GAA legend Mary Jo Curran enjoyed an excellent front nine and duly collected the Front Nine Prize, while tennis legend Patricia O'Connor produced a strong finish to claim the Back Nine Prize.

The Gross Prize was won by Laura Furlong, who produced a steady and impressive round to return a gross score of 85.

Mary O'Sullivan added another accolade to her day by sending her drive on the 8th a country mile to claim the Longest Drive, while Karen Tess produced a superb shot on the 2nd hole to secure the Nearest the Pin Prize.

Following the prize-giving, everyone enjoyed a truly scrumptious meal in the newly refurbished Castle Corr Restaurant, prepared by the extremely talented Sebastian and served by Britta and her wonderful team of waiting staff. The mouth-watering food, delicious drinks and excellent service provided the perfect conclusion to a memorable day.

Lady Captain Mary summed up the occasion beautifully: "It was a truly wonderful day from

start to finish, filled with lovely moments, great company, delicious food and memories to treasure."

Congratulations to Lady Captain Mary on a hugely successful Captain's Day, to Eimear McShortall on her wonderful victory, and to all the prize winners and participants who helped make the occasion such a special and memorable celebration at Beaufort Golf Club.

1st: Eimear McShortall (33) 64nett
2nd: Mary O' Sullivan (21) 60nett
3rd: Kathleen Cronin (25) 66nett
4th: Hannah Moynihan (30) 68nett
5th: Joan O' Sullivan (29) 68nett
Past Captain: Noreen Kinsella (36) 71nett
Gross: Laura Furlong (13) 72nett
Front 9: Mary Jo Coffey (31) 71nett
Back 9: Patricia O' Connor (23) 72nett
Longest Drive Mary O Sullivan
Nearest to the Pin Karen Tess

A Special Family Reunion in Rathmore



A special family reunion took place in Rathmore recently when Kathleen Staub, née Duggan, originally from Gortnagown, Rathmore, returned from Virginia in the USA after 30 years.

Kathleen was reunited with her Irish siblings and cousins during a memorable gathering that brought together members of the Duggan, Lynch and O'Sullivan families.

The families, who are all first cousins of Kathleen, enjoyed a wonderful evening of catching up, sharing memories and celebrating family connections that have remained strong despite the passing of time and the distance between Ireland and the United States.

It was a particularly special occasion for Kathleen, providing an opportunity to reconnect with her Kerry roots and spend precious time with her extended family once again.

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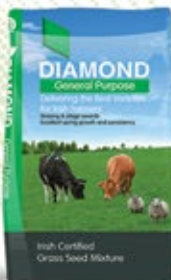
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Numbers drawn 15, 19, 21, 22. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner received €40. Next jackpot €12,400 on Monday August 24th Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

COACHES WANTED FOR THE UPCOMING 2026/27 SEASON. Positions available across all age groups from Academy to Senior Teams. If interested please contact Mike Lyne 086 083 6356.

KILLARNEY CELTIC GOLF CLASSIC will take place on Saturday September 5th at Beaufort Golf Club. Tee Times are from 7am-4pm. To book a tee time contact Tim Jones 087 977 1302 or to sponsor a tee box please contact Mary Lyne 086 648 5809.

THE FIXTURE LIST FOR THE NEW NATIONAL LEAGUE HAS BEEN RELEASED. Killarney Celtic will play their 1st home game on Saturday September 5th against UCC at 2pm. Killarney Celtic is delighted to announce Seefin Aviation-Aircraft Trading as the Official Sponsor for our new National league team. As we celebrate our 50th anniversary, we are proud to welcome Seefin Aviation on board for this exciting new

chapter in the club's history. This partnership represents an important milestone and we are grateful to Seefin Aviation for investing in the future of football in Killarney. A sincere thank you to everyone at Seefin Aviation.

MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 2026/27 SEASON IS NOW OPEN. Membership payment can be made online at killarneyceltic.ie/membership-signup

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

LOTTO

Nos 2, 24, 27, 28. No winner of the Jackpot. 5 x €25: Ursula Myers, Farranfore. Cian Ring, Farranfore. Kathleen Breen, Killarney. Finbarr Corkery, Farranfore & Colin Callaghan, Farranfore. Next draw for a jackpot of €3000 will take place on Sunday next 23rd August at Henderson's Bar, Furies.

FAI SUMMER CAMP

Last week saw 90 kids participate at the FAI summer camp held at Murt Scott Park. Thanks to the Participants, their Parents , Coaches & Club volunteers who helped out over the week. The weather was also kind, which was a bonus.

200TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK

There are a small number of Ballyhar Church 200th Anniversary books still available for sale.

51 pages of History & Photos for €10. While not available at all good book shops, Bob or Des or any one connected with the churches in Ballyhar or Furies will facilitate your request.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to parishioner David Kenny of Farranfore Maine valley AC on finishing 6th in the European mens half walk marathon in a personal best time of 1.24.49 held in Birmingham. Well Done David on a super achievement. Congratulations also to Sarah Leahy of Killarney Valley AC who was part of Ireland's women's 4 x 100m sprint team who set a new national record in the final also in those European Athletics Championships.

SYMPATHY

The club offers its Condolences to the Kelly Family, Farranfore on the passing of Margaret. Margaret was a great local volunteer in the Farranfore area. She was also one of those silent workers behind the scenes for Ballyhar Dynamos FC as she sold club lotto tickets in the Farranfore area over the past 24 years of which the club are hugely thankful to Margaret & her Family for her huge efforts. May Margaret Rest in Peace.

Ballyhar Dynamos FAI Summer Camp a Great Success

The FAI Summer Camp at Murt Scott Park proved a great success last week, with 90 children taking part in a fun-filled week of football activities.

The camp provided plenty of opportunities for the young participants to develop their skills while enjoying the game and making new friends.

A special thanks goes to all the participants, parents, coaches and club volunteers who helped make the week such a success. The good weather was an added bonus, helping ensure an enjoyable week for everyone involved.



HARPS FOR HERITAGE: Macalla na Mara



23 August • 12:30pm - 5:00pm
Muckross Schoolhouse
ADMISSION FREE

12.30 - 1.30pm

Hands on Harps - Try your Hand!

1.45 - 2.30pm

Crafting a Harp with harpmaker Tim O'Carroll

2.45 - 3.30pm

Turning the Tide: Safeguarding our Natural Heritage

3.45 - 5.00pm

Harps for Heritage 2026 Concert: Macalla na Mara | Sea Echoes



LEGION GAA

LOTTO

Lotto numbers: 9,15,16,24. Bonus 6. Match 3/lucky dips: Aoife Courtney, Diarmuid O Donoghue, Darren O Leary

SYMPATHIES

There was a cloud of sadness over club this week as news broke of the death of the wife of club stalwart Pat Healy.

Everyone at the club sends their heartfelt condolences to Pat, Sharon and Kevin Healy and all the Healy and Kelliher families on the sad passing of Margaret. Ar Dheis De go raibh a Anam.

Sympathies also to Niall, Sharon and Gerard o Keeffe and all the o Keeffe and o Sullivan families on the death of their mother Carmel. Carmel's late husband Danno was the clubs Hall of Fame recipient in 1990. May she rest in peace

ATHLETICS

Well done to Sarah Leahy and her Irish teammates on qualifying for the European 4x100 final and unlucky to lose out on the night

U12 BOYS

Our U12 boys were home to Kilcummin and there was plenty to entertain everyone in attendance!

Kilcummin proved too strong for both teams despite the best efforts of our boys. Plenty to work on ahead of next week's games against Fossa. Well done to Kilcummin, and a big thanks to our two referees, Brian and John.

U16 BOYS

U16 Div 10 County Semi Final

Killarney Legion B 4-15 Dr Crokes B 3-7

Our U16B Team took on Dr Crokes this evening in Johnny Culloty Park with a place in the Div 10 County League Final at stage. The boys started well and with the aid of the breeze built a good lead through the half to lead by 2-10 to 1-3 at half time.

Dr Crokes took advantage of some poor turnovers in the first 10 mins of the second half to narrow the gap. A few well worked scores settled the team again and in the end we ran out deserving winners. Thanks to Dr Crokes for a fine sporting game. The boys will play Kilcummin B in the final next week

SENIOR LADIES

Our senior ladies opened their Premier Junior Championship campaign with a visit to Spa on Sunday. Spa, with the aid of the breeze on their



Glenflesk U14 boys who gave everything in an exciting Final against Spa but unfortunately came up just short against a very good Spa team on a score line of 5-13 to 5-10.

backs in the first half kicked 4 points to trail by 1 at half time to Legions 1-02, the goal coming for a clinical finish by Aine Devlin.

Spa took control of the early stages of the 2nd half with some well taken scores to take the lead but legion always remained within touching distance and could well have taken all three points had they found that elusive goal but to spas credit they defended well and closed out the game on a score of Spa 0-11 Legion 1-06. Next up Ballymac at home next Sunday

SENIOR MEN

In round 2 of the Intermediate Championship we fell short to Listowel Emmets in listowel last Sunday 1-15 v 2-07 and now head into a must win game in the final group stage game against Laune Rangers this Sunday 23rd at 3.30 in Johnny Culloty Park. All support is greatly appreciated.

EAST KERRY

DRAW FOR O DONOGHUE CUP

Sponsored by Gleneagle Hotel, Gleneagle Leisure and the Dr O Donoghue family.

BYES: Spa, Dr. Crokes, Rathmore, Kenmare

First Round - First team named are at home

GAME (A) Firies V Listry

GAME (B) Currow VKilcummin

GAME (C) Legion VGlenflesk

GAME (D) Gneeveguilla V Fossa

Quarter Finals - First team named are at home

Quarter Final No. 1

Kenmare V Currow/Kilcummin

Quarter Final No. 2

Gneeveguilla/Fossa V Dr. Crokes

Quarter Final No. 3

Rathmore V Spa

Quarter Final No. 4

Firies/Listry V Legion/ Glenflesk

SPONSORED GLENEAGLE LEISURE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW FOR THE 2026 FR. GALVIN CUP

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Pre-Lim Kilgarvan V Listry

SEMI-FINALS

Semi-final No.1 Currow V Scartaglen

Semi-final No.2 Cordal V Kilgarvan/Listry

KILLARNEY CARPET & FURNITURE CENTRE

2026 O'SULLIVAN CUP

Sponsored Junior Championship Draw for the 2026 O'Sullivan Cup

BYES: Listry, Currow, Kilcummin, Spa

First Round - First team named are at home

Game (A) Fossa V Rathmore

Game (B) Dr. Crokes V Firies

Game (C) Cordal V Glenflesk

Game (D) Legion V Gneeveguilla

Quarter Finals - First team named are at home

Quarter Final No. 1

Fossa/Rathmore V Dr. Crokes/Firies

Quarter Final No. 2

Currow V Listry

Quarter Final No. 3

Legion/Gneeveguilla V Kilcummin

Quarter Final No. 4

Cordal/Glenflesk V Spa

EAST KERRY U 14 LEAGUE FINALS

Legion 4-11 Firies 5-16

Kenmare/Kilgarvan 5-13 Listry 0-13



Legion senior ladies who opened their Premier Junior Championship campaign with a visit to Spa on Sunday

Spa 5 -13 Glenflesk 5-10

COUNTY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

East Kerry 5-17 Austin Stack's 1-10

County Under 16 Championship

East Kerry 2-13 Mid Kerry 3-04

St Brendans 1-14 Eaghan Rua 1-10

East Kerry B 2-16 Castleisland B 2-11

KELLOGGS CUL CAMPS

East Kerry camps have been completed. Numbers attending the camp continue to rise. The feedback from parents has been positive. Participants enjoyed the fun experience combined with improving and developing skill levels during the action packed week. Thanks to all East Kerry clubs for supporting Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC in completing the camps during the summer. Clubs provided excellent coaches to assist the boys and girls at all playing levels to enjoy the camp experience. Roll on 2027.

SEAMUS WELDON U10 BLITZ

Fossa club hosted Seamus Weldon U10 blitz last Saturday. Teams participated from all corners of the world. It was great to see the excellent standard of football on display. Every team showed great potential on the day. Matches were played in a ten aside format. Forty teams took part. One hundred and fifteen games were played. Twenty referees were in attendance over the course of the day. Clubs were delighted with the match day experience. Memories were made and friendships developed on a magical Saturday in Fossa GAA club grounds.

FOSSA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 16/08/2026 for a jackpot of €10,350 were 11, 19, 23, 27. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Gavin Miller, Jenette McCarthy, Tim Foley, Mary Kearney, Eve, Fiadh and Rian McCarthy.

Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link <https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Our seniors had a resounding victory over Glenbeigh/Glencar in the second round of the Intermediate Championship on Saturday evening. Fossa dominated this game from the get go, and when they scored their first goal through Mark Kennelly which was immediately followed by a goal from Harry Buckley after a flowing move involving Eoin Talbot and Mark Kennelly, they never looked like losing this one. The foundation for the victory was laid in the first half, with Paudie Clifford controlling possession the younger players on the team really stood up and were counted, the likes of Sam Buckley, Jack Hallissey, Eoin Talbot, Darren Ryan, Mark Kennelly, Harry Buckley and Emmett O'Shea all led the line brilliantly. With David Clifford attracting the attention of the opposition defence, he created the room and brought the other players into the game with his incredible vision and passing ability. Fossa led at the break 3-10 to 0-3. Glenbeigh/Glencar needed a good start to the second half, but unfortunately for them David Clifford landed a monster two pointer in the first minute to put



them on the back foot again. Ted O'Donovan scored a peach of a goal in the 5th minute which was quickly followed by another great effort by Emmett O'Shea to finish the game as a contest, they continued to add points from the impressive Harry Buckley, Rian Colleran, Fionn Doyle and Tadgh O'Shea to run out winners on a score of 5-25 to 0-12.

SENIOR LADIES

Bon Secours Hospital Tralee Junior Premier County Championship – Round 1

The Golden Nugget Bar, Restaurant & Off Licence and McKvr sponsored Fossa Senior Ladies secured a deserved three point victory over old rivals Laune Rangers in their opening round clash of the Bon Secours Hospital Tralee Junior Premier County Championship.

A high scoring first half saw Fossa play some outstanding football, moving the ball with pace and purpose while creating scores through excellent support play and a tremendous work rate. Their willingness to work for one another and link effectively in attack ensured they held a deserved advantage at the interval.

The second half was a much more fragmented affair, with frequent stoppages making it difficult for either side to build attacking momentum. Laune Rangers mounted a strong comeback and gradually reduced the deficit, but Fossa remained disciplined and committed throughout. Despite the stop start nature of the contest, the home side continued to battle for every ball and showed great determination when the game was in the balance.

In the end, Fossa's dominant first half display, coupled with their teamwork, intelligent support running and relentless effort, proved enough to see them over the line and secure a hard earned three point win on a final score of 3-10 v 1-13. We wish Laune Rangers good luck for the rest of the competition.

DR. CROKES

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Dr. Crokes 2:14 Dingle 1:16

The game was played at a relentless pace from the outset, with both sides showing plenty of attacking intent. We made the brighter start and quickly established a platform, with Tom Doyle and Billy Courtney pointing inside the opening two minutes. Cian McMahon found the net after just three minutes following an excellent run from Mark Fitzgerald. Further points from Brian Looney, Evan Looney, Micheál Burns, Cian McMahon, Charlie Keating and Gavin White

kept the scoreboard ticking over as we enjoyed a strong opening half. Dingle responded with a number of scores of their own, but we went into the break with a deserved 1:10 to 0:08 advantage. The second half saw Dingle come out with renewed purpose and they began to chip away at the Crokes lead. A succession of scores brought them back into contention before they eventually found the net. We continued to fight for every ball and were rewarded when Cian McMahon converted a penalty, while Charlie Keating and Cian McMahon added further scores. There was also a superb save from Shane Murphy to deny Dingle a goal, keeping Crokes firmly in the contest. The closing stages were frantic, with both sides trading scores. David Shaw added an excellent two-point score to level matters before Cian McMahon struck again late on. We now face Rathmore on Saturday at 6:30pm.

MINOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Dr. Crokes 5:13 Laune Rangers 0:13

We got our Minor Club Championship campaign off to a flying start with a convincing victory over Laune Rangers. We raced into an early lead, with a goal from Ben Kelliher inside two minutes followed by a Dara O'Sullivan goal. Further scores from Eanna Hennigan, Luke O'Shea, Finn O'Donnell, Sean Kiely and Hammad Atiq saw Crokes lead 3-09 to 0-06 at half-time. Laune Rangers opened the second half with three quick points, but we settled and Ben Kelliher added a superb two-pointer before converting a free. Dara O'Sullivan then struck for his second goal, before Kelliher completed his hat-trick late on. A strong all-round performance saw our boys run out deserved winners.

LOTTO took place on August 17th Numbers drawn were 1, 3, 14, 25. Jackpot of €5,600 was NOT WON. 5 patrons matched 3 numbers and received €80 each. Jackpot for draw on August 24th will be €5,900. Play online by following the link below <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokes-gaa/fundraisers>

BINGO

Dr. Crokes Bingo continues every Sunday in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Doors will open at 7pm with the first game commencing at 8pm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Der Brosnan who recently celebrated a special birthday.

NOTES

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please email communications. drcrokes.kerry@gaa.ie



JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

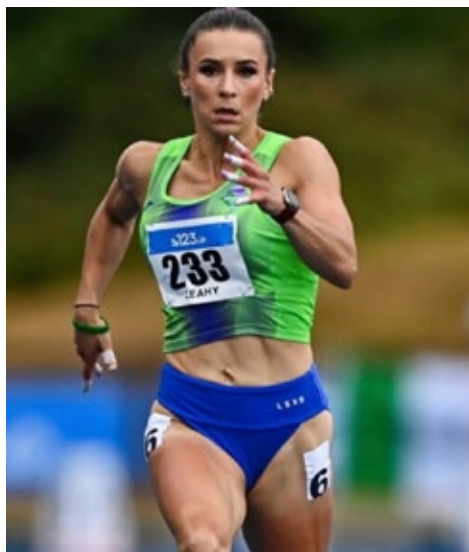
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EUROPEAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

There can be absolutely no question about what team takes pride of place this week. In fact, not just this week – Athletics Ireland absolutely have to be in contention for Team of the Year. And as far as I am concerned, yes, it is a group, albeit a multi-disciplinary one. Athletics is hard, and involves individual scrutiny that is measured in minute detail. I've said it before. Athletes, including the likes of relay teams, are under a microscope that no player in a field sport (and in that, I am including the likes of basketball and ice hockey) will ever come across. Lionel Messi, LeBron James, Virat Kohli....I'll be cheeky and throw in Kobe McDonald.....athletes at far below international level operate with that kind of mental discipline constantly. And it is constant. If you slacken off in the long build-up to peaking at the right time, it shows. That is how microscopically fine-tuned it is. You are also quite literally competing against the best in the world in your discipline.

It might not be popular to say it, but there's a reason why poorer nations tend to have their biggest successes in athletics rather than other codes. It's the same reason why NFL may be America's richest and most popular sport (by a long, long way), but it's actually very, very low in terms of participation. It gravitates towards elitism – quite simply, Little League is a winnowing process. If you are playing in high school, you're good. Because if nothing else, the actual equipment costs a fortune. Same in a lot of sports. Think about GAA. Aside from jerseys, shorts, socks.....a big fundraiser for a lot of counties and clubs, and frankly I think it gets a bit ridiculous. The kids always want the latest gear; it often feels like moral blackmail on the parents to me. Add in helmet, hurley, gloves, mouthguard, shin guard...none of this stuff is handed to you. And it's not like there are people in GAA clubs or counties pocketing millions. Maintaining facilities, especially grass, is very expensive. As for insurance.....

Athletics? Once you have a field, you can run. Short distances, long distances....you pick your preference. Want to practice jumping? Jump. Páidí Ó Sé and Muiris Fenton used to practice jumping in Dingle as kids by seeing who could tip the sign over the local shop as they passed it. Long distance jumping? Lay down a rope and mark it. Have a look at kids at the Community Games – events which I think are vastly underrated and were the foundation for some of the best athletes Ireland has ever produced. When I say athletics has a broader participation base, I mean anywhere and everywhere in the world. Making your inter-county team in a particular position makes you the best out of maybe 2000 candidates. Making the European Championships? The best of around 200,000. Of course, all of that foundation is just the



doorways into athletics. If you really want to be good, you do need more. You need coaches. You need financial support. Sorry now, but there is travel accommodation....the top level of anything isn't cheap. And coaching....I do not care how talented you are. Athletics is about minutiae. The detail is so fine that yes, there are tiny things you need to learn and practice, because your results aren't a group consensus on a scoreboard. They are, quite literally, milliseconds and millimetres.

All of that is to say that Irish athletics has a long record and we have produced some absolutely phenomenal performers. Delaney, Treacy, Coghlan, Kiernan, Frank O'Mara, Sonia of course, Derval O'Rourke, Ciara Mageean.....these, genuinely, were among the best in the world. The actual best in the world. In size, in population, in international influence (despite our enormously inflated sense of self-importance), this is actually a tiny little island. That truth might hurt – too bad about ye; it's still true. We didn't produce a lot of those athletes, by the way. In many cases, they produced themselves, and most of the absolutely top level coaching along the way came from the likes of Villanova's Jumbo Elliot and US college scholarships. I get the impression that route is narrowing under the 'leadership' of that strange orange xenophobe.

But I get the impression, most especially after last weekend, that it is no longer as absolutely vital to us. Irish athletics over the last decade has quietly entered into a golden age. It's not that we have never had talent like this before. But I really don't believe that we have had anything like this amount of talent blending together at one time across a range of disciplines.

Clubs have bigger numbers and more active participation than before. There's actually a conversation about how participation in team games like GAA, rugby, soccer etc. have dropped, while there has been a corresponding rise in individual sports like athletics, gymnastics, cycling, and so on. My own theory



is that it is about time management. You can fit your training for individual pursuits around your usual timeframe and location (you don't need specialised facilities), whereas there have to be compromises to fit group training in terms of schedules and locations. Just a theory; obviously I don't have any insights or research to offer. I'm the exact opposite of an expert on any of this stuff.

But the data is there. Athletics has grown hugely in popularity. Success breeds success? And the standards have risen correspondingly. That's at all grades, by the way, not just the very top level in Ireland, and that data is out there and indisputable. Not that I think anybody would try to dispute it. Not after last weekend. Not after Birmingham. The proof is in the pudding, and the Irish dined heartily in that regard.

MONDAY

Nick Griggs set the tone for Ireland on the opening day, finishing eighth in the Mens' 5000m Final. That's despite actually losing a shoe during the race. A case of what might have been? Arrah, stop. Eighth in Europe. Three runners in the top twenty. We've had worse days, plenty of them. This is something to celebrate.

Mark English qualified comfortably for the next round of the 800m. We all know he isn't going to win it out (what's that, Nostradamus? I can't quite make out what you are saying) but by God, he has heart.

Eric Favors threw 19.59m in the shot put to finish tenth overall. I'm not sure people appreciate how difficult it is to be in the top ten of anything in a continent.

Sarah Lavin was desperately close to qualifying in the 100m hurdles. She was....wait for this....six hundredths of a second behind qualification. That's how ruthlessly precise athletics is. Ciara Neville reached the semi-finals of the 100m; fair going for her first senior outdoor championship. It'll be worth remembering the name.

TUESDAY

Sarah Healy was undoubtedly the Irish headliner, finishing in fourth in the Womens' 5000m Final. She ran a super tactical race but just barely lost out in the sprint finish. She was a third of a second away from a bronze medal. Fourth in Europe. Ireland aren't in the medals yet, but we are certainly in the conversations. A shout-out to Bori Akinola and Israel Olatunde, both of whom made the semi-finals of the Mens' 100m. No, I hadn't heard of them before – I'm not pretending to be any kind of au fait with Irish athletics – but having two runners in the sem-finals of the European Outdoor 100m? People have become blasé about these things, but this is actually genuinely extraordinary for Ireland and should be appreciated as such.

WEDNESDAY

Nocola Tuthill was the youngest competitor in the Hammer throwing final and was hugely impressive, throwing 70.33m to surpass all expectations and finish in fifth place. Rhasidat Adeleke ran a season best of 22.43 to qualify comfortably for the Womens' 200m Final. I think it's worth digressing a small bit to address Rhasidat's nationality. Which is Irish. Pure Tallaght, in fact. There have been a few racists on social media arguing the point. Social media is basically an echo chamber for muppets like these to validate each other? In the real world? Arrah, stop, clowns. I'm not going to lay out any arguments here. I don't need to give people that small any oxygen. I'm actually very proud to live in this community, and one of the many reasons for that pride is that I know full well that ye have as much time for muppets like that as I do.. They don't have one. Just an aching need to seem better than some-one, anyone, else, and that's difficult for people like them. Dubliner Rhasidat Adeleke is a household name in this country. Ye.....aren't.

Mark English was the oldest runner in his heat and belied it, not just qualifying for the 800m Final, but actually setting a new European record of 1.43.49. According to Athletics Ireland (and I have to say that their coverage has been absolutely outstanding; you can make a very real argument that I'm 'cogging' my homework here) that record has stood since 1978. As in, just short of a half century. It's dawning on me, slow of thought though I am, that I might have been under-estimating Mr. English!

THURSDAY

Yep. Mark English, at 33, is six years older than the other Mens' 800m finalists. Or, to put it another way, has six year's extra experience in getting to that finish line. And today absolutely nobody was touching him. He basically ran the perfect race from start to finish, racing clear in 1.45.36 to become the first Irishman ever to snare a gold medal in the European Outdoor Championships while wearing his colours. Not a small thing; far from it. It's also the sixth European medal of an amazing career, one more than Sonia O'Sullivan. Obviously Mark took the headlines, and deservedly so, but Rhasidat Adeleke was phenomenal as well. She set a new Irish record

of 22.28 (beating the 22.34 she established in 2023) on her way to second place and silver in the 200m Final. That was particularly impressive considering the strength of the field. That's actually her fourth European medal, by the way.

FRIDAY

Cathal Doyle was unquestionably the hard luck story of the day. He was actually moving quite well in the semi-final of the 1500m when he got caught up in a jumble of legs, just one of those things, and ended up down the field as a result. There is no human endeavour, no matter how fine-tuned, where luck does not have its say. Andrew Coscoran, however, came fourth in his heat to qualify for the final.

The Mens' 4 x 400m Relay team of Andrew Egan, Jack Rafferty, Joe Doody, and Seán Doggett were very unlucky not to qualify for the final. Not only did they run a season best – every athlete is trying to peak at exactly the right time, producing a season best at an event like this is exactly what you are trying to do – they also ran the third fastest in Irish history.

There was colossal support for the Irish athletes from the stands all through the competition. Birmingham actually has a bigger Irish population than Liverpool, believe it or not. I'm not sure if you know the history of Britain's food capital – too many of us had only heard the name in terms of an appalling miscarriage of justice; it does a wonderful and welcoming city with a very, very long history of Irish links a disservice.

Yesterday those supporters got to cheer on Mark English. Today they got to cheer on a much younger athlete who has become a modern phenomenon. This year alone she has won bronze in the heptathlon in the World Indoor Championships, followed by gold in the Commonwealth Games. We can be a brutal people in terms of expectations. Some people think that the media have a vested interest in building up expectations to a ridiculous level because and Irish sports journalist has plenty of experience in writing up glorious failure. In my own small way, I do a little bit in that line of work; I can assure you that you are absolutely right. This is asking an awful lot of O'Connor.

Perfect start. Really perfect. 13.3 in the 100m hurdles. Think for a second about how fast she had to cover every ten metres. Break it down that way. Then factor in the start, you have to build acceleration instantly. Oh, and factor in the hurdles. And the fact that she's a heptathlete; she doesn't even specialise in this one discipline. I don't know about you, but every now and then you're looking at Steph Curry and thinking I could have made that shot. Or Lionel Messi, I could make that pass. Not consistently, nowhere near it, but I could do that once. Then you think about 100m hurdles in 13.3 seconds. Could I do that? Frankly, not even in a helicopter.

I really did look up the scoring system for the heptathlon. And it's very clever, and very balanced, and very complicated – I couldn't even begin to go through the formulae used. Just trust me, 13.3 seconds equals loads of points.

Next up was the high jump. And another

incredible effort, clearing 1.86m on her third attempt. I had a conversation with Jordan Lee about the heights in terms of the real world (I didn't really grasp it, so I just asked him; Jordan is a gentleman) and he put it in a very interesting way. You know the barriers in underground car parks when raised. That's 1.9m. In other words, if Kate tried to jump straight over that....the barrier would just barely graze her. I genuinely could not pull myself over a fence that high. 1.86m is Kate's best. And once again, she was able to produce her best exactly when it was required. There's something almost magical about that.

Next up was the shot putt. Not usually Kate's best event, but she has an awful lot of work put into preparing for this, and it pays dividends. First effort is 13.46m. Not bad, but not making any headlines either. Second attempt broke the line. Fouled out. Pressure on now, and nerves are kicking in. I mean for me, not her. Kate is cool as a breeze as she throws it 13.96m. That's a lot better. RTE are telling me that Kate would have been hoping to break 14m. Errah, sure Jimmy Darcy would have been hoping to win the lottery as well. We can all be hoping....to be fair, RTE's coverage overall has been top class. And yes, the usual critics are out in force and they cut away twice at the wrong times....ye are like spoiled children more often than not.

Her fourth event of the day. 200m. Fantastic start straight into the bend. Led for a lot of the heat but was passed over the last few minutes. But this ain't that kind of race, far from it. 23.79. Once again, unbelievably but verifiably, a personal best. And ground made up on the overall leader, Sulek-Schubert of Poland.

SATURDAY

All Irish eyes, and not just Irish, were understandably on Kate O'Connor. First up was the long jump. If Kate was feeling the pressure, she wore it lightly. Her very first attempt was 6.55m, yet another personal best. She didn't better it, but she didn't need to. She's third in the event and third in overall standing – but within touching distance of the leader, Switzerland's Annik Kalin.

Penultimate event. Kate has a slight advantage here in that she is throwing her javelin 21st out of 22 competitors. In other words, she is likely to know what she needs to do. Small thing, but I keep saying it; the small details are colossal in athletics. So does technique, and Kate's is absolutely perfect. 50.16m. Not a personal best, but very good. Very, very good, in fact, she has just become the overall leader on the points table. 51 points clear of the Netherlands' Emma Oosterwegel. One event to go.

I have to give credit to RTE. They are caught between building this up – something we tend to do a bit too much. More often than not, we as a nation overplay expectations. When I think of the build-up to some of Sonia O'Sullivan's races....jaysus, we never did her any favours when you think about it. I really don't think people understand exactly how incredibly difficult these things are.

The seventh and last event of the heptathlon. The 800m. There are calculations. If X finishes 3 seconds behind Y and Q beats that by two

seconds....I always gave up on that stuff long ago. Don't be minding points on the table. Don't ever play for a draw. If Kate had rung me for advice beforehand (it wouldn't have been a bad idea, but as it so happens, she didn't get around to it), I'd have strongly suggested that she "run very fast for 800 metres".

She didn't need my advice. She did, in fact, run very, very fast. Oosterwegel made the early running, with Kate tucked behind her in second. Oosterwegel is the clear and present danger, Kate doesn't have to beat her, but she has to stay within touching distance of her. Literally. She has to be that close. And that's exactly what she does. They finish first and second, and a gap of less than a second isn't enough for the Dutch girl to leapfrog Kate in the overall standing. Fair's fair, though, she put in a fantastic effort. But it's Kate O'Connor from Louth, whom most of us hadn't heard of until a couple years ago, who takes the European Gold. And, I may be slightly premature, but if she isn't the Irish Sportswoman of the Year when the time comes around, I will have questions. Oh, and this will hardly come as a surprise, but it's a new Irish record.

Kate wasn't the only one setting personal records. Our own David Kenny finished the Mens' Half Marathon Race Walk in 1.24.45, ending up in a hugely commendable sixth place. Oisín Lane finished in 1.27.09, also a personal best, and eleventh place. Gold went to Spain's Paul McGrath – his da is an Irish emigrant and yes, he did give a shout out to the slightly more famous Black Pearl of Inchicore. Good effort by Jodie McCann in the semi-final of the 1500m, but her speciality is the 5000m and it showed, as she just didn't quite have the kick for the finish. Great effort, though. Second heat of the 1500. Sarah Healy and Sophie O'Sullivan are both running. Whisper it, but I have hopes for a medal here; both of them are very, very good. Both qualified, Sarah in second and Sophie in fifth. The big shock is Laura Muir not qualifying. I know next to nothing about athletics and even I remember her gold in this venue in the Commonwealth Games four years ago. It really was one of those 'did that really happen' moments. The final didn't quite go as planned for either Irish runner. Sophie was runnin in fourth but hemmed in by the rail, the last place you want to be in a race like this. She did say afterwards that she did have a chance to break the gap but couldn't take it in time; it happens. Sarah, meanwhile, was forced wide early on just in case you are wondering, because I know some of ye.....no, you are not allowed to outright elbow other competitors. That's a different spot entirely). Sarah ended up fifth, with Sophie eighth. Both were a bit disappointed....which says an awful lot about the standards they set for themselves.

Sarah Leahy was the third leg on our 4 x 100m Relay team. Big ask in the heat. Lucy-May Sleeman makes a strong start. On to Ciara Neville, good baton change (it gives me the jitters every time I watch one, such a tiny but complex thing). Sarah with a great burst (her father, a great gentleman, did his absolute best to teach me in the Sem. The man has the

patience of Job – and I know, because I checked more than once!) and on to Lauren Roy. This feels good to me – but I'd trust myself no more than I'd trust Donald Trump when it comes to these things. It is good, though, very good. 43.13. A new Irish record. I'd say more Irish records have been broken in the last five years than in the fifty years before it.

Hold on. Muted discussions between officials. I'm tense myself; I can only imagine how the girls are feeling. Yep, result stands. They reach the final. That doesn't go as well, but it's a formidable achievement to get there.

No controversy in the Mens' 4 x 100m. Bori Akinola with a good start and again, the changeover is perfect. Seán Aigboboh on to Marcus Lawler and Israel Olatunde brings them home. 39.13, fourth place, and a spot in the final – by a margin of 0.04 seconds! Yeesh! Season best, by the way. The....game management, I suppose you could call it, by Athletics Ireland overall has been absolutely stunning. Training schedules have obviously been timed to perfection, and that's a very, very hard thing to do. A slight miscalculation in a baton change costs them in the final (see? I told you) but they finish seventh. Stop and think about that for a minute. Four Irish sprinters just combined to finish seventh in Europe. Just compare us in population terms to most European countries. Just getting to the final is a genuinely stunning feat.

Great effort by Jack O'Leary in the 10,000m to finish tenth. Good going, that's a gruelling race. Andrew Coscoran in the 1500m Final. RTE reckon he has a chance. And he makes a strong start, taking the front early on (it's not actually that big a factor at this kind of distance) before dropping back a little bit. That's it, keep a bit of powder dry. But he gets blocked in. That's that....except that he suddenly finds a burst that I wasn't expecting in the last 200 metres. A fantastic turn of speed, and it's enough to take bronze. A fourth medal for Team Ireland.



Action from the Spa v Rathmore game. Photo: Anne Holland



John Foley on the ball in the Spa v Rathmore game. Photo: Anne Holland



Darragh Moynihan in Action from the Spa v Rathmore game. Photo: Anne Holland

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SENIOR GROUP ONE

DINGLE 1-16 DR. CROKES 2-14

Oh lads. That Crokes Dingle game....that was a rollercoaster. Crokes with the strong start, opening an eleven point lead. Then some lad called Paul Geaney opened the throttle and Dingle were taking charge. In fact, Dingle led by three points late on. But then man of the match Mark O'Sheawas unceremoniously hauled down in the square and Cian McMahon buried the penalty before putting his team ahead with a free. Back came Dingle, bare seconds left on the clock. Free in. Paul Geaney brought it outside the arc. A real do or die effort. Score it and win, miss it and lose. A great effort curled wide. Talk about drama!

RATHMORE 0-18 SPA 0-16

Spa had the wind in the first half and built up a four point lead. Even against the wind, the likes of Dara Moynihan, Shane Cronin, Dan O'Donoghue, and Cian Murphy had Spa on top in the third quarter and ahead by five. Then it all started to go wrong for them as Rathmore

nailed a series of two points and super sub Mark Reen, just like last week, added a real cutting edge. They went in front by two. Evan Cronin hauled one back but Andrew Moynihan fisted over the crossbar to give the home side a two point win.

State of Play: Dr. Crokes and Rathmore will play off for top spot. Home advantage might just slightly tip the scales in Crokes' favour but it's a very tight call. Spa will host Dingle and the loser will be one game away from relegation.

GROUP TWO

KENMARE SHAMROCKS 1-19 AUSTIN STACKS 2-16

Stacks led by a goal late on, but Kenmare rattled over two quick points and a Seánie O'Shea orange flag. It looked like they were going to snatch it after David Hallissey's point but Eoghan O'Carroll showed nerves of steel to snare a draw.

Kenmare will play Templenoe in the last round, and Templenoe have to win. Kenmare have a point on board and the talismanic Seán O'Shea back in harness; you'd have to fancy them to go through.

GROUP THREE

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE 1-13 NA GAEL 1-10

To be honest, I strongly fancied Na Gaeil for this one, even without Diarmuid O'Connor, Jack Barry, or Oisín Maunsell. And it looked like I was right in the first half as the Tralee side led by five points. Then it all started to go wrong as Gavin Horan and Dara Hogan started to show what they can do. It was all Milltown after that, and they were full value for the win.

State of Play: Oh boy. If An Ghaeltacht beat Na Gaeil, then An Ghaeltacht and Milltown/Castlemaine go through. If Na Gaeil win, then they each have one win and it comes down to scoring difference. If Na Gaeil win by four, they top the group, less than three would mean they come second to An Ghaeltacht. Lads, I'm already addled. Can we not just roll dice for it or something?

INTERMEDIATE GROUP ONE

GLENBEIGH/GLENCAR 0-11 FOSSA 5-25

Look, I genuinely have huge respect for Glenbeigh/Glencar. But they are down too many bodies, especially shooters, at the moment. I honestly thought that Liam Smith gave a superb display and Jack Brosnan tried everything. It says a lot, though, that their start was goalkeeper Cian Knight, who pulled off at least three world class saves. It was 3-10 to 0-3 at half-time. David Clifford's goal was a bit of a fluke – a defender got just enough of a touch to make his hand passed effort an own goal. And yes, the man is a genius and can see things I can't – but that one was a fluke. All the other four were good though, Emmett O'Shea adding 1-8 to last week's 1-7 individual tally.



Spectators at the Spa V Rathmore game. Photo: Anne Holland



BALLYMAC 2-20 GNEEVEGUILLA 2-12

Ballymac are another team worth keeping an eye on. They cocked up a huge total against Glenbeigh/Glencar. And maybe Fossa's win in turn over Glenbeigh gives that a bit of perspective, but anyone who saw that Fossa Gneeveguilla game will tell you that Gneeveguilla gave as good as they got for most of it. Ronan Collins was excellent here and Shane O'Sullivan fisted a goal to give them hope, but the All Ireland Junior Champions Donal Daly and Jack Joy in top form and were able to pull away in the finish.

State of Play: Fossa face Ballymac with top spot at stake, and with that scoring power, it's hard not to fancy Fossa. More interesting is the other battle, with Gneeveguilla hosting Glenbeigh/Glencar and the loser facing a relegation semi-final. As it stands, Gneeveguilla have better shooting options and will be favourites – but a lot can change in a week.

GROUP TWO

JOHN MITCHELS 4-19 BALLYDONOGHUE 1-13

I have to admit that John Mitchels have quietly crept under my radar. They seem to be looking more and more like contenders with every passing game. Ballydonoghue are a good side, but a whirlwind Mitchels rattled in four goals in twenty minutes through Cian Holden, Paudie White, James Duggan, and Darragh Cunnane. There was simply no way back from that; they

always had a bit to spare, despite Jack Foley's goal for Ballydonoghue.

FIRIES 1-14 KILCUMMIN 2-12

That's tough on Firies. Missing a few top players through injury, they have actually played very, very well and only narrowly lost out after a titanic battle for the second game in a row. That said, Kilcummin were deserved winners in Farranfore, but not without a stern test. Kevin McCarthy's goal gave them a one point lead at the break, 1-4 to 0-6. It was basically score for score in the second half. Even when Gary O'Leary struck for a Kilcummin goal, Diarmuid O'Mahony was on hand at the other end to reply in kind. Jmaes Horgan was on song for Firies, but with Mikey Casey, Kieran Murphy, and Gary O'Leary all sparkling, it was O'Leary who notched the winner late on.

State of Play: Kilcummin will host Mitchels to decide first or second place. Tight call, but Mitchel's scoring form will be hard to fully contain, even on Kilcummin's home ground. Ballydonoghue will host Firies in what should be a relegation cracker; I'll not even hazard a guess.

GROUP THREE

LISTOWEL EMMETS 1-15 KILLARNEY LEGION 2-7

Listowel had to win and, with the likes of David Keane, goalscorer Bryan McSweeney, and Sam Tarrant in form up front, they were able to

pull away for a deserved win. Cian Gammell notched a fine first half goal in the first half and Finbarr Murphy added another in the rain-soaked second for Legion, but they could only add two points along with it.

LAUNE RANGERS 2-18 ST. MARYS 0-7

The home side were pretty much always in control at JP O'Sullivan Park, despite the best efforts of Daniel Daly in particular. Eoin Clifford once again gave an absolute masterclass – I honestly think he is worth a look at a higher level – and Gearóid Hassett and Matthew Leslie were in fine form up front.

State of Play: Listowel Emmets head to Con Keating Park with their aspirations right back on track. St. Marys on their home ground will be playing for survival: Listowel as slight favourites, but not as much as you might think. The other game will be a cracker, Legion hosting Laune Rangers. A repeat of a key fixture last year. Technically Laune Rangers are already guaranteed qualification whereas Legion have

to win. Go away with 'technically', you'll hear neither manager mention technicalities in their pre-match speech!

GROUP FOUR

GLENFLESK 1-16 KERINS O'RAHILLYS 0-12

Glenflesk absolutely had to respond to last week's defeat to Beaufort and a much-rejigged team did so in fine style. A strong spine of Cian Lynch, Killian O'Sullivan, and Dylan Roche saw them ontop for long periods. Credit to Rahillys, though, with Tomás Kennedy lively in midfield and sharpshooter Darragh O'Connor in form, they actually had the gap down to just one late on. However, Luke Crowley cracked home a great goal and Glenflesk added two points for a morale-boosting victory.

BEAUFORT 1-16

CASTLEISLAND DESMONDS 1-12

It was initially a slow burn, but that's because the defending on both sides was absolutely

brilliant. And even when it opened up, there were some enthralling duels. Beaufort gradually began to pull away. Thomas Hickey was very much Desmond's chief operator, while Ciarán Kennedy stood out for Beaufort, but once the likes of Liam Carey, Fergal Hallissey, and outstanding centre back Josh Coffey got otoring, the home side always looked like winners. Except, with just three points between the sides, Desmonds very nearly got a goal with their very last attack. High drama indeed, but the referee had seen a breach and Fergal Hallissey popped over the insurance score. Great game to watch.

State of Play: Glenflesk head to Castleisland needing a win to progress. Beaufort will travel to Strand Road already sure of qualification, while Rahillys have to win. Hard one to call between Rahillys and Glenflesk for a knock-out spot. For that matter, either of them could snare top spot ahead of Beaufort yet!

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"Catch the foxes for us, the little foxes that spoil the vineyards, for our vineyards are in blossom" (Song of Solomon 2:15).

Welcome back dear student, the amount of information we have to deal with on a daily basis is huge. Our hearts and minds have to filter so much heartbreaking news, pettiness, criticism, along with many frightening reports. It takes a lot of energy just to keep up with it all. Not to mention dealing with work, finances, child rearing, and keeping the whole show on the road. The level of negativity is overwhelming, which is why many are struggling with their mental health (Matthew 11:28-30). When you left the schoolyard or workplace years ago, you went home to rest, but now there's no switch off, and very little downtime. The feeling of misplacing one's phone creates a panic until it's back in the hand – in case we miss something important! We are sincere in our feelings of wanting to support others by answering endless calls, and messages, not to mention reading multitudes of headlines, but it's hard to know when to cut off. From every side we are being bombarded with suggestions of how we should be reacting to this or that, causing people to fear responding in the wrong way in case they get cancelled or mocked online. Now we have to navigate through such a hazardous maze of emotions, strife, and toxicity with the result that many are dealing with the effects or symptoms of complete burnout and exhaustion. Filtering effectively has become a strong personal skillset to learn.

The saying 'the straw that broke the camel's back' is relevant here. One can take so much and then reach the tipping point, where the body or heart gives out and says, 'I can't take any more'. In the lead Scripture above Solomon, who was the wisest king ever, identified the potential destruction that a build-up of things that should be confronted and dealt with, can have on one's relationships and future. The vine represents fruitfulness and harvest. Every gardener knows that you have to be watchful for dangerous pests and conditions that can wipe out your hard work in a single night. Years ago, a young child I knew spent his pocket money on buying a few chickens – seeing an opportunity to make money from selling eggs – only to have his hopes dashed when the fox paid a visit and wiped out all his investment. The trauma was huge for such a young boy to take in – not to mention the financial fallout! A hard lesson was learned – the fencing wasn't secure enough to keep out the danger of the fox. Foxes appear cute and harmless to the non-farmers among us, but they are masters of opportunity.

Boundaries are vital, in every part of life. Personal boundaries are being compromised more and more. Our enemy the devil uses subtle means to steal, kill, and destroy. If he appeared as the world comically portrays him – wearing a red suit with horns and a pitchfork, most folks would recognise him, and steer well clear (1 Peter 5:7-9). So, his tactics are to create busyness doing nothing – stealing time; creating strife and offence out of nothing – dividing people (Matthew 12:25). Focussing accusations and condemnation against God's creation, and diluting faith by promoting false gospels. Daniel foresaw the enemy defy God by oppressing His people, wearing them out (Daniel 7:25). There is a great delusion and falling away prophesied friend (2 Thessalonians 2:3-12). The battlefield is becoming harder to identify. Be watchful, spend time studying God's Word (Proverbs 4:20-23). Mend the weak fences, confront and get rid of the little foxes, and keep them out. Protect your mind and heart, for God has invested much in you!

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May we, by imitating thy charity and humility, find quiet and contentment all our days, and cheerful submission to God's holy will in all the trials and difficulties of life.

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Grateful Thanks to St. Martin for many favours received
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NOVENA TO ST. CLAIRE

Ask St. Claire for three favours, one business, two impossible and say nine Hail Mary's for nine days with lighted candle. Pray whether you believe or not. Publish on ninth day. Powerful novena. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, glorified and loved today and every day throughout the whole world forever. Amen

Say six times daily for nine days. Your request will be granted no matter how difficult it may seem. Favour publication must be promised.

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly (Mention your request here...)

And that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you.
Amen

6TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DAN JOE O'SHEA



LATE OF 62 ST BRENDAN'S TCE.,
KILLARNEY
WHO PASSED ON,
21ST AUGUST 2020.

*"We miss your smile, your joking ways.
We miss the things you used to say.
And when past times we do recall,
It's then we miss you most of all."*

Sadly missed and remembered
with love from your Son Connie,
Daughter-in-Law Mary, Grandson Ian
and his partner Dayna.

POWERFUL NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

O my Jesus, you have said:
"Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you."

Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of...

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Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I place all my trust in you.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**DANIEL (DAN)
MCGILICUDDY**



LEAM, GNEEVEGUILLA
WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE
2ND OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

As we lovingly remember Dan on his first anniversary, Phyllis, Siobhan and Marie and extended family, wish to express our heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation to everyone who supported us during his illness and following his passing.

We are deeply grateful to all who attended Dan's removal and funeral, called to our home and travelled to be with us, offered condolences, sent Mass and sympathy cards and online messages.

We will be eternally grateful to everyone who showed us such kindness and compassion during our time of loss.

Our sincere thanks to all who participated in Dan's funeral mass. To Fr Pat for his visits and for celebrating a lovely comforting Mass. To Sean O'Mahony and Christy Crowley for their support and guidance. To Eugie, the sacristan for his help at the mass, and to those who prepared Dan's final resting place, thank you. To Tim and Noreen for the lovely music and hymns, thank you. To Gneeveguilla GAA for the use of their facilities and the ladies committee for looking after us so well.

To Breda Nagle and staff for the beautiful floral arrangements, thank you.

We were blessed with the support and professionalism we received during Dan's illness. We were so appreciative of all the carers, both day and night who helped us care for Dan at home. To the public health nurses and South Kerry Palliative Care Team with Dr. Margaret Clifford who supported us during Dan's final days. To Breda Crowley and staff and the staff of Killarney Medical Centre for their kindness always. To our wonderful neighbours and friends for their visits to Dan, they continue to be a constant support to us.

Please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation. The holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Until we meet again, dearly loved,
sadly missed.

Dan's first anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, the 30th of August in The Church of the Holy Rosary, Gneeveguilla at 09:30am.

4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL HUSBAND,
DAD AND GRANDAD

MICHAEL (MIKE) FOLEY



MOUNTHORGAN, RATHMORE, CO. KERRY
WHO PASSED AWAY ON 25TH AUGUST 2022.

Silent, Strong Dad

*He never looks for praises,
He's never one to boast,
He just goes on quietly working,
For those he loves the most.
His dreams are seldom spoken.
His wants are very few,
And most of the time his worries
Will go unspoken, too.
He's there... A firm foundation
Through all our storms of life,
A sturdy hand to hold onto
In times of stress and strife.
A true friend we can turn to
When times are good or bad.
One of our greatest blessings
The man that we call Dad.*

*A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest,
It broke our hearts to see you go,
God only takes the best.*

*They say that memories are golden,
Well maybe that is true,
But we never wanted memories,
We only wanted you.*

*Your life was love and labour,
Your love for your family true,*

*You did your best for all of us,
We will always remember you.*

*We sat beside your bedside,
Our hearts were crushed and sore,
We did our duty to the end,
'Til we could do no more.*

*In tears we watched you sinking,
We watched you fade away,
And though our hearts were breaking,
We knew you could not stay.*

*Our lips cannot speak how much we
loved you,
Our hearts cannot tell what to say,
But God only knows how we miss you,
In our home that is lonely today.*

Sadly missed and always loved and
remembered by your heartbroken family,
Daughters Mary and Ann, sons-in-law Denis
and Seán, grandchildren Liam, Fionn,
Lauren, Lila and Maddie xx

**Michael's Anniversary Mass will take
place on Sunday, August 23rd in
St Josephs Church, Rathmore at
11.30am.**

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

You have said O Divine Jesus, ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened to you. Relying on these promises, I come with confidence during this novena to beg of you the favours that I need (make request). From whom shall I ask Lord Jesus if not from you whose heart is an unfailing source of graces and merits. Most loving heart of my God. I believe in your power, I believe in your knowledge I believe in your personal love for me, and therefore O Sacred Heart of Jesus I place all my trust in you. Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory. Say 3 times for 3 days and request will be granted. Never known to fail. Must publish.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**MARY MURPHY
(NEE O'CONNOR)**



LATE OF
SHRONEDRAUGH, HEADFORD,
KILLARNEY, CO. KERRY
WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE
23RD DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

As we remember Mary on her first anniversary her husband Con, Noelle, Tony and Bridget would like to express our sincerest thanks to all our family, neighbours and friends who supported us in our time of loss.

We would like to express sincere gratitude to everyone who sympathized with us, attended the removal and funeral, sent mass cards, posted online condolences, donated to the Palliative Care Unit at University Hospital Kerry and called to the house.

Our deepest gratitude goes to the amazing staff of the Palliative Care Unit at University Hospital Kerry. The compassion, dignity and care shown to Mary and the kindness they extended to our family during her final days will never be forgotten.

We are also especially grateful to Dr Lynda O'Callaghan at Killarney Medical Centre for the care, support and kindness over the years.

We would like to thank all our neighbours and friends who helped with traffic management and parking.

We would like to thank everyone who provided food and refreshments during the days around the funeral.

Sincere thanks to Fr Jim Lenihan for your support and for such a beautiful Requiem Mass.

Thank you to Paud O'Donoghue and Mary O'Callaghan for the beautiful music.

Thank you to Murphys Undertakers for their guidance and support.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest appreciation. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

*First Anniversary mass will be celebrated on
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